

**City of Robbinsdale
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 21, 2023
Meeting No. 6**

CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor William A. Blonigan called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

2. Present: Wagner, Murphy, Mayor Blonigan, Webb, Parisian
Staff: Tim Sandvik, City Manager; Kayla Kirtz, Assistant to City Manager – Communications; Richard McCoy, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Ryan Parks, Recreation Services Manager; Matt Bazyk, Community Engagement Coordinator

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.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 7, 2023 MEETING AGENDA

4. Sandvik reported the following updates to the agenda:
 - Complete voucher report for item 11A was distributed to Council at the meeting.
5. Member Murphy **MOVED**, seconded by Member Webb to approve the March 21, 2023 Agenda. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Member Webb **MOVED**, seconded by Member Parisian to approve the March 21, 2023 Consent Agenda. 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 3/7/23
 - City Council Work Session minutes on 3/14/23
 - B. Motion to receive advisory commission minutes:
 - Human Rights Commission meeting minutes on 2/23/23
 - C. Motion to approve issuance of licenses dated 3/21/23
 - D. Consider a motion authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to sign the memorandum of understanding to allow the Farmers Market to operate for the market year 2023.
 - E. Motion to waive the reading and order the adoption of a Resolution #8032 “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING HENNEPIN COUNTY TO

CORRECT THE APPLICATION OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PAYMENT DUE TO A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR.”

- F. Consider Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Law Enforcement Labor Service, Inc. Local #517, Law Enforcement Labor Service, Inc Local #8, and Law Enforcement Labor Service, Inc Local #179.
- G. Consider Approval of the THC sales license submitted by Wicked Wort Brewing, LLC, 4165 West Broadway, subject to zoning conditions.
- H. Motion to waive the reading and order the adoption of the attached resolution concurring with the proposed boundary adjustment for Shingle Creek Watershed.
- I. Authorize the City Manager and Finance Director to issue a purchase order to Minnesota Equipment of Rogers, MN, for the purchase of two Compact Utility Tractors, including accessories.
- J. Authorize the City Manager and Finance Director to issue a Purchase Order to the Trenchers Plus of Burnsville, MN for the purchase of a Finn T30 HydroSeeder
- K. Authorize City Manager to execute the amended Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Agreement
- L. Waive the reading and adopt resolutions approving restrictions along both sides of 36th Avenue between CR 81 and June Avenue and varying sides of Grimes/Hubbard Avenue as outlined to meet State Aid design requirements.

PRESENTATION A – HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER LUNDE – COUNTY UPDATES

- 7. Commissioner Lunde gave the presentation.
- 8. Mayor Blonigan thanked the commissioner and noted the unit of 18 single room occupancies in Robbinsdale.
- 9. Member Murphy thanked Commissioner Lunde.

PRESENTATION B – PRESENTATION ON ROBBINSDALE RECREATION SERVICES

- 10. Parks and Bazyk gave the presentation.
- 11. Mayor Blonigan and Bazyk discussed the various ways recreation programs are advertised.

12. Mayor Blonigan asked about how current open gym participation numbers compare to numbers from pre-COVID-19, and staff responded that open gym numbers are high.
13. Mayor Blonigan asked if Three Rivers Park District is planning to put a building in Sohacki Park, staff responded that Three Rivers is working on design and securing funding.
14. Mayor Blonigan asked how many full-time staff are on the Parks and Recreation team, Parks has 6, Recreation has 3.
15. Member Wagner and Parks discussed the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission and hosting a yearly planning session.
16. Member Webb asked what is the most popular youth program. Parks noted the playground programs.
17. Member Webb asked if the communication is distributed to a diverse range of community members, Parks noted they have connected with apartment buildings in high-density areas and doing outreach to as many people as they can.
18. Council and staff discussed fees for programming.
19. Member Parisian asked about communicating about funding/donation opportunities.
20. Member Murphy noted Recreation staff are doing a good job of creating fresh, engaging communications. Member Murphy noted reaching out to Anna in Commissioner Lunde's office about funding opportunities.
21. Member Murphy and staff discussed senior trips that have been done in the past.
22. Staff and Council discussed the joint powers agreement with Three Rivers Park District.

PRESENTATION C – HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION UPDATES

23. Lee, Chair, and Hansen, Vice Chair, gave the presentation.
24. The Human Rights Commission is requesting participation in a public event in late April or May about racially restrictive deeds, and requesting the city to assist publicizing the event through social media and other city communications.
25. Hansen explained racially restrictive covenants.
26. Member Webb commended the work of the Human Rights Commission.

27. Member Murphy stated his appreciation for the communication from the Human Rights Commission.
28. Member Wagner thanked the Human Rights Commission for their work.
29. Member Parisian thanked the Human Rights Commission for their work and thanked them for facilitating the special meeting on 3/13.

NEW BUSINESS A: FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE UPDATING FRANCHISE FEES WITH CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., AND, FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE UPDATING FRANCHISE FEES WITH NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

30. Sandvik gave the report.
31. Sandvik explained capturing franchise fees and usage of the right-of-way.
32. Member Wagner asked for further clarification on the sunset provision.
33. **Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to hold the first reading of Ordinance #23.7 “AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING A GAS ENERGY FRANCHISE FEE ON CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., d.b.a. *CENTERPOINT ENERGY* MINNESOTA GAS (“CENTERPOINT ENERGY”), f.k.a. CENTERPOINT ENERGY MINNEGASCO, A DIVISION OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., f.k.a. RELIANT ENERGY MINNEAGASCO, A DIVISION OF RELIANT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., A DELAWARE CORPORATION, FOR PROVIDING GAS ENERGY SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY OF ROBBINSDALE”**
34. **Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to hold the first reading of Ordinance #23.6 “AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING AN ELECTRIC SERVICE FRANCHISE FEE ON NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, A MINNESOTA CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, FOR PROVIDING ELECTRIC ENERGY SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY OF ROBBINSDALE.”**

NEW BUSINESS B: CONSIDER A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL CONTROL FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS AND RANKED CHOICE VOTING FOR STATE AND FEDERAL ELECTIONS IN MINNESOTA

35. Member Wagner gave the report and summarized the resolution.
36. Member Webb noted her support for a more civil election process.
37. Member Murphy noted he did not support the resolution.

38. A role call was taken however no motion was executed. The resolution will be considered again at the following City Council meeting on April 4, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS C: CONSIDER A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MINNESOTA HEALTH PLAN (SF 1643 AND HF 1774) AND MEDICARE FOR ALL ACT OF 2022 (HR 1976 AND SR4204)

39. Member Wagner gave the report and noted grammatical changes to the resolution.
40. **Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution #8036 "A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MINNESOTA HEALTH PLAN (SF 1643 AND HF 1774) AND MEDICARE FOR ALL ACT OF 2022 (HR 1976 AND SR 4204)."**
41. Member Webb thanked Member Wagner for bringing the resolution forward.
42. Member Murphy noted that he does not agree with the use of resolutions in this way.
43. Member Parisian noted her support and thanked Member Wagner.
44. Mayor Blonigan noted that he will vote for the adoption of the resolution.
45. A role call was taken and the motion passed 4 to 1.
46. Ayes: Wagner, Webb, Parisian, Blonigan
47. Nays: Murphy

NEW BUSINESS D: AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND SEND LETTER TO THE BLUE LINE LIGHT RAIL EXTENSION PROJECT DIRECTOR, AND CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

48. Sandvik gave the report.
49. Member Webb highlighted the points about public safety, updated data, and anti-displacement policies.
50. Member Wagner and Sandvik discussed the station location and parking structure location sections.
51. Council Members discussed language changes.
52. **Member Blonigan MOVED, seconded by Member Murphy to authorize City Manager to execute and send letter to the Blue Line Light Rail Extension Project Director, and Corridor Management Committee after the City Manager makes the**

changes the City Council has outlined in the meeting and receives additional input from the Council.

OTHER BUSINESS A: MOTION TO APPROVE DISBURSEMENT REQUESTS FOR PERIOD ENDING 3/21/2023

53. **Member Murphy MOVED, seconded by Member Wagner to approve disbursement requests for period ending 3/21/2023. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

54. Kirtz updated the Council that the city has reached Step 3 in the GreenStep Cities program.
55. Sandvik recapped the annual goal setting session that occurred on 3/20/23.

COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

56. Member Wagner thanked Council and staff for collaborating at the goal setting session.
57. Member Wagner recapped the annual employee recognition lunch that occurred on 3/16/23.
58. Member Wagner noted the opioid settlement and the resolutions passed at the meeting.
59. Member Webb recapped the goal setting session.
60. Member Webb encouraged people to read Hennepin County's agenda on racism as a public health crisis and expressed her gratitude to the Human Rights Commission.
61. Member Parisian echoed sentiments about the goal session.
62. Member Parisian recapped the League of Minnesota Cities City Day on The Hill.
63. Mayor Blonigan recapped the employee recognition lunch.
64. Mayor Blonigan thanked Sandvik for organizing the goal setting session.
65. Mayor Blonigan thanked Kirtz for her work on GreenStep Cities.
66. Mayor Blonigan thanked McCoy for his contributions to Blue Line Light Rail Extension work.
67. Mayor Blonigan provided a state legislative update.

Adjournment:

68. Member Wagner MOVED, seconded by Member Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.



Sherry O'Donnell, City Clerk



William A. Blonigan, Mayor