

**City of Robbinsdale
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 19, 2022
Meeting No. 8**

CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor William A. Blonigan called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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| 2. Present: | Backen, Kline, Webb, Selman, Mayor Blonigan |
| Absent: | None |
| Staff: | Marcia Glick, City Manager; Dustin Leslie, City Clerk; Richard McCoy,
Public Work Director/City Engineer; Ryan Parks, Recreation Services
Manager |
| Guest: | Dr. Craig Waldron, Consultant |

**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.
4. Regan Murphy – 4001 Orchard Ave: Resident came to the meeting to advocate for the resignation of Member Kline. Resident asked Council if they were considering a Resolution acknowledging Member Kline’s actions and if there would be any consequences. Resident also asked Mayor Blonigan if he would sign the petition as a Ward 1 resident. Resident finally told Council that April 19 marked Robbinsdale’s 129th birthday.
5. Gerry Cox – 3505 McNair Drive: Resident requested the resignation of Member Kline and read a message which she had previously sent to Council.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 19, 2022 MEETING AGENDA

6. Leslie reported the following changes to the agenda:
 - Voucher Report for Other Business C.
7. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Kline to approve the April 19, 2022 Agenda with the update given to Council by the City Clerk. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

8. **Member Kline MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to approve the remainder of the April 19, 2022 Consent Agenda as listed below. 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 4/5/22
 - Special City Council Work Session minutes on 4/8/22
 - Regular Work Session minutes on 4/12/22
- B. Motion to receive advisory commission minutes:
- Senior Commission minutes on 3/7/22
- C. Motion to approve issuance of licenses dated 4/19/22.
- D. Motion to approve the March 2022 payment for City credit card charges.
- E. Motion to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution #7966 "A RESOLUTION APPROVING ENTERING INTO A MASTER PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT WITH THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MnDOT) FOR THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES."
- F. Motion to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution #7967 "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE OFFER OF THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE A GENERAL OBLIGATION WATER REVENUE NOTE, SERIES 2022, IN THE ORIGINAL AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$6,770,650; PROVIDING FOR ITS ISSUANCE; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROJECT LOAN AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH."
- G. Motion to authorize an amendment to the Professional Service Contract with AE2S for the additional work associated with the preparation of the Risk Management Plan for the Centralized Water Treatment Plant for an amount not to exceed \$41,850.00.
- H. Motion to hold the second reading of Ordinance 22-05 "AN ORDINANCE UPDATING SECTIONS OF CITY CODE RELATING TO: PUBLIC DANCES, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, AND LICENSING PROCEDURES."
- I. Motion to hold the second reading of Ordinance 22-04 "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF ROBBINSDALE MINNESOTA."
- J. Motion to acknowledge receipt of progress report on next 20-year Franchise Agreement with CenterPoint Energy.

- K. Motion to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution #7968 "A RESOLUTION TO HAVE HENNEPIN COUNTY REMOVE THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OFF THE PROPERTY TAXES FOR 3354 GRIMES AVE N / 07-029-24-14-0095, AND REPLACE THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS BACK ONTO THE PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE CORRECT PROPERTY OF 3438 GRIMES AVE N / 07-029-24-11-0095 WHERE THEY WERE REMOVED FROM IN ERROR."

PRESENTATION A: STEP-TO-IT PRESENTATION AND PROCLAMATION

9. Parks gave the presentation highlighting: registration options, allowed activities, website overview, prizes offered, accompanying Walk-With-Ease program, and Paso a Paso program for the Latinx community.
10. Mayor Blonigan asked where one can register and when the program took place. Parks replied that residents can visit www.steptoit.org or visit the city's recreation page. Parks stated the challenge would run through May but residents could register in April.
11. Mayor Blonigan moved Old Business A to be the next item in consideration of the consultant's time.

OLD BUSINESS A: APPROVAL OF THE CITY MANAGER CONTRACT

12. Dr. Waldron reviewed the recruitment process for the new city manager. Once the contract was signed, the candidate would start in late May.
13. Member Kline stated that Mayor Blonigan and Member Selman were appointed to the contract negotiation team and asked how the process went. Mayor Blonigan stated the contract was based off the ICMA model and off Glick's contract. Mayor Blonigan reviewed differences and stated the contract was fair and in alignment with other cities.
14. Member Kline asked why the provision of 6 months severance pay was included in the contract. Mayor Blonigan stated it is included as a protection for city managers.
15. Member Selman asked for clarification in the recommendation stating that the contract starts May 25 with the appointment beginning May 27. Glick stated the new city manager would start May 25 and she would be to show him city processes through May 26 which would be her last day.
16. Mayor Blonigan reviewed the process and thanked Dr. Waldron for his work.
17. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Kline to authorize the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem to execute the contract with Tim Sandvik starting May 25, 2022 with appointment as City Manager beginning May 27, 2022. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Backen, Kline, Webb, Selman, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was**

unanimous and the motioned carried.

PUBLIC HEARING A: PERMIT – BEEKEEPING – 4324 ABBOTT AVENUE NORTH

18. Leslie provided an overview about the permit request to Council.
19. Mayor Blonigan opened the public hearing.
20. Resident Shannon Glover thanked the Council for their consideration and was there to answer questions.
21. Member Selman asked the resident why he chose to keep bees. The resident stated he took a class at the University of Minnesota and fell in love with beekeeping.
22. Judith Nyagiro – 4333 Abbott Ave N: Resident stated she had a large flower garden in her yard and was worried about more bees due to allergies. Glick spoke about requirements for receiving the bee license. Member Backen stated he had an acquaintance who kept bees and said it did not raise the number of bees flying around in the neighborhood.
23. Member Selman stated this was an annual license and if there were issues from approving the license they could reconsider it next year.
24. Leanne Steffens – 4336 Abbott Ave N: Resident stated she was highly allergic to bees and wanted to learn more about the proposal. Resident asked if one hive meant one box. Glover stated that one box would be one hive and if it produced a lot of bees another box could be added on top. Glover also stated that the neighborhood would not see more bees than normal.
25. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to close the public hearing. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**
26. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to approve the request for one hive of honey bees at 4324 Abbott Avenue North subject to the conditions listed in the memo. The vote was unanimous and the motioned carried.**

PUBLIC HEARING B: NPDES PHASE II ANNUAL REPORT AND PUBLIC MEETING

27. McCoy gave the report to Council with an overview of the program and requirements. McCoy highlighted: public education and outreach; public participation and involvement; illicit discharge and elimination; construction site run off controls; post construction stormwater management; appropriate operations; and pollution prevention. McCoy also gave an overview of the required annual report.
28. During the report, Mayor Blonigan and McCoy spoke about over-salting and street sweeping. Mayor Blonigan stated he visited North Memorial and noticed a lot of salt in the parking lots.

29. Mayor Blonigan opened the Public Hearing.
30. Bob Rauch – 3815 Crystal Lake Blvd: Resident stated that a lot of debris from Minneapolis was going into Crystal Lake and has been a problem for a while. Resident stated Robbinsdale has separators in place which help a little bit but there is still a problem with debris. Resident asked staff to work with Minneapolis on finding a solution.
31. Council and McCoy had a conversation about street sweepers and when they should be utilized. Member Selman said sweepers often work on trash day and that garbage cans get in the way of sweepers making it difficult to clean everything.
32. McCoy shared the resident's frustrations about debris coming from Minneapolis and stated he would contact them.
33. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to close the public hearing. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**
34. **Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Selman to grant delegated authority to Public Works Director/City Engineer and City Manager to process all comments received, create and keep a record of decision of each comment and advise the City Council of those decisions. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**
35. **Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Selman to authorize the City Manager to sign the standard annual report and submit the report to the MPCA by the designated date. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS B: RESOLUTION UPDATING DOWNTOWN PLAZA USE POLICY

36. Glick gave an overview of the process to amend the plaza use policy as well as the changes that were put forward.
37. Member Backen thanked staff for finding a compromise to allow restaurant usage of the plaza.
38. **Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Kline to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution #7969 "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDMENT TO POLICY FOR USE OF THE DOWNTOWN PLAZA FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS SPONSORED BY LOCAL BUSINESSES TO INCLUDE PARTIAL USE BY ADJACENT RESTAURANT."**
39. Kline thanked staff and stated \$90 per month was a reasonable rate.
40. **The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS C: LICENSE REQUEST FROM THE BIRDHOUSE FOR THE DOWNTOWN PLAZA

41. Glick reviewed the license request and gave details to Council including calculation for monthly payment. Glick also stated there would be no SAC fee due to the small size of the seating area.
42. **Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to authorize the City Manager to enter into a license agreement with The Birdhouse restaurant for use of a portion of the city plaza as described in this memo for \$90 per month from May through November (no payment due if not used in November). The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS A: ROBIN CENTER – MOBILE FOOD UNIT IN EXCESS OF 10 DAYS/YEAR

43. Leslie gave the report to Council.
44. Member Backen told staff to make sure the circulation road is not blocked by the food truck and asked if the truck would be parked overnight or if it would leave each evening. The food truck owner stated the truck would be moved each night after closing time.
45. Mayor Blonigan stated restaurants may be opposed to this but he had not heard from any restaurant owners. Member Kline shared concerns as Robbinsdale is so well known for its eat street and restaurants. Member Selman stated it was likely no one was informed because it was not advertised to restaurant owners.
46. Glick stated the license would run for one year and that Robin Center has a conditional use permit for outside sales but only for a limited area which means there would only be room for one truck.
47. Member Backen asked the food truck owner if they would be paying rent to Robin Center. The food truck owner stated that they would be paying rent.
48. **Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to approve the parking of Taqueria Victor Hugo 2 to park in lower Robin Center beginning April 20, 2022 and ending in November from 10am to 8pm, Monday-Saturday with conditions as requested by the Public Works Director/City Engineer and to approve the mobile food unit license. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS B: TRAVAIL EVENTS AT LAKEVIEW TERRACE PARK

49. Leslie gave report to Council.

50. Glick stated if there was any live music, it would play from 1:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Staff would make sure the music would not be played too loud or go on too long. Mayor Blonigan stated the officers on site could monitor the music levels.

51. **Member Backen MOVED**, seconded by Member Selman to approve the event applications submitted by Travail Kitchen and Amusements, 4135 West Broadway to use Lakeview Terrace Park for events to be held on Sunday, June 26, 2022, and Sunday, September 18, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All set up and clean-up will occur on the event days, so request of the park's use will be from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. All appropriate licenses must be obtained and fees paid. Final approval must include Police Officer staffing requirements and Fire Department approval of the final set-up. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS A: SCHEDULE PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY TOUR

52. **Member Backen MOVED**, seconded by Member Kline to schedule the public works facility tour on May 24, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS B: RESCHEDULE AUGUST 16 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

53. **Member Selman MOVED**, seconded by Member Backen to reschedule the August 16, 2022 City Council meeting to August 23, 2022. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS C: DISBURSEMENT REQUESTS

54. **Member Selman MOVED**, seconded by Member Backen to approve disbursement requests for period ending 4/19/2022. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

55. Glick stated the EGGstravaganza event was held on April 9 and went well. Glick stated an estimate of 320 kids attended the event and that the Lakeview Terrace location worked well. Glick also thanked Sophia Ginis from the Met Council staff for playing the Easter bunny.

56. Leslie stated the city is still looking for election judges and that applications were available on the city website.

57. Leslie stated the annual performance measurement survey was now open to residents. They can find it by visiting www.robbinsdalemn.com/survey.

COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

58. Member Kline stated he attended the annual Robbinsdale employee luncheon on the previous Wednesday in which years of service pins were given out to staff. Member Kline thanked staff and Glick for the work they do.

59. Member Kline reviewed work session with Commissioner Lunde that took place prior to the Council meeting.
60. Member Kline summarized the opportunity for the public portion of the meeting in which members of the community asked for his resignation. Member Kline acknowledged the recall process and once again apologized for his actions.
61. Member Kline wished a happy 7th birthday to his son.
62. Member Webb spoke about the importance of mental health in the community. Member Webb stressed that if residents needed support they could reach out to Hennepin County as they have a lot of resources on their website: www.hennepin.us. Member Webb stated the County received ARPA funds for mental health support.
63. Member Selman stated he had received an email from a resident regarding Member Kline's resignation. Member Selman also received a text from a resident about not supporting the Blue Line project.
64. Member Selman stated there would be a Blue Line community meeting on April 27 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Elim Lutheran church.
65. Member Selman summarized comments from the opportunity for the public portion of the meeting.
66. Mayor Blonigan spoke about the employee luncheon and thanked staff for their competence and stated they were just as talented as any other city. Mayor Blonigan also stated Glick received an award for her years of service.
67. Member Selman stated he attended the Coffee with a Cop event at HyVee. Member Selman said the police are expecting a busy summer this year and urged residents to be diligent.

Adjournment:

- 68. Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**



Dustin Leslie, City Clerk



William A. Blonigan, Mayor