

City of Robbinsdale
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 5, 2020
Meeting No. 9

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

2. Present: Rogan Selman, Backen, Blonigan, Mayor Murphy
Staff: Marcia Glick, City Manager; John Tingley, Assistant to City Manager; Kate Croteau, City Clerk; Richard McCoy, Public Works Director

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC

3. Mayor Murphy opened the floor to anyone wishing to speak on any items not on the agenda.
4. Gina Cernohous, 2725 Parkview Blvd., Robbinsdale expressed multiple concerns with her neighbor including using a single-family home as multiple dwelling units. She expressed frustration on lack of city action on activities at the home.
5. Glick stated that Ms. Cernohous's concerns and photos submitted had been forwarded to Community Development staff for investigation and that separate dwelling units was new information.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. Tingley mentioned updated totals to Consent Item F and an updated resolution to Consent Item H.
7. Member Blonigan **MOVED**, seconded by Member Selman to approve the May 5th meeting agenda. **The vote was unanimous the motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

8. Member Rogan removed Consent Item J.
9. Member Backen **MOVED**, seconded by Member Blonigan 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 City Council meeting:
 - Council Meeting Minutes on 04/21/20
- B. Motion to acknowledge the receipt and placing on file minutes of the following Commissions and Boards:
 - Robbinsdale Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission 02/26/20
- C. Motion to approve issuance of licenses from list dated 05/05/20.

- D. Motion to acknowledge the Deputy Registrar's financial reports for the month of March 2020.
- E. Motion to acknowledge the Robbinsdale Wine & Spirits financial reports for the month of March 2020.
- F. Motion to acknowledge the Investment Report for the quarter ended March 2020.
- G. Motion to acknowledge the financial reports of the quarter ended March 2020.
- H. Motion to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution No. 7813," A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY." (NOTE: related to future water tower – MNDOT easement area at West Broadway/TH100.)
- I. Motion to direct the City Manager to execute the appropriate documents WAIVING the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statutes 466/04 for the City of Robbinsdale relating to the 2020-2021 insurance renewal and not involve the purchase of excess liability coverage.
- J. **Removed by Councilmember Rogan**
- K. Motion to authorize a change to the Professional Service Contract with AE2S for the additional work associated with the amendments to Well #4 at an additional cost not to exceed \$50,000.00.

REMOVED CONSENT ITEM J

- 10. Rogan asked staff about the timing of the stormwater discharge system project to Ryan Lake as it relates to the Beard/Chowen Avenue project, the placement of the storm water pipe and its discharge into Ryan Lake.
- 11. McCoy stated this project will begin quickly and would be constructed independently of the Beard/Chowen project. The discharge pipe will be placed in the boulevard and not in the street. The pipe will cross Chowen next to Ryan Lake into a manhole where it will then drain into Ryan Lake.
- 12. Member Rogan **MOVED**, seconded by Member Blonigan to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a contract with Northdale Construction Co. Inc. of Albertville, MN for construction work associated with elements of the Chowen Avenue – Storm Discharge System to Ryan Lake – Project No. 72720 for an estimated cost of \$146,630.95. **The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

PUBLIC HEARING A – Permit Request – Chickens – 4211 York Avenue North

- 13. Croteau presented the staff report.

14. Mayor Murphy opened the public hearing. No members from the public chose to speak during the public hearing.
15. Member Selman **MOVED**, seconded by Member Backen to close the public hearing. **The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**
16. Member Rogan **MOVED**, seconded by Member Selman to approve a permit request for five (5) hen chickens at 4211 York Avenue North subject to conditions listed in the staff report.
17. Blonigan asked the highest amount of chickens the city has approved a permit for previously.
18. Glick said the highest amount previously approved is 6. Every resident who applies to have more than 2 chickens is required to receive a permit from the City Council for the specified amount of chickens on the application. The current request is for 5 hen chickens. If the amount of hen chickens changes, the council would need to hold a new public hearing and approve a greater number. If a member of the public would like to have a rooster, they would be required to receive a different type of permit from the City Council.
19. **The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**
20. Chris Connaker, 4211 York Avenue, Robbinsdale thanked council for approving the permit request.

OTHER BUSINESS A – Promotion of 2020 Performance Management Survey

21. Tingley updated the Council on the Performance Management Survey. The survey has been launched on the City's website. As of 5/5, 131 residents have completed the survey. The survey includes 11 questions on the performance of City services and 6 questions requesting feedback on Community Building Proposals within Sanborn Park. The survey will be open until June 8th with the results being presented at the June 16th City Council meeting.
22. Blonigan asked if the survey responses are anonymous.
23. Tingley responded that survey responses are anonymous and if the resident wanted to receive an email confirming receipt of their responses, they can input their email at the bottom of the survey.
24. Backen pointed out that additional information is available on the City's website.
25. Murphy confirmed there is a link to the Community Building Concepts within the survey itself.

OTHER BUSINESS B - Voucher Request Pending Approval for Disbursement

26. Member Rogan **MOVED**, seconded by Member Selman to approve disbursement requests for period ending 05/05/20. **The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

27. Glick stated that Robbinsdale Wine & Spirits is now open to in-person shopping with a limited amount of shoppers in the store at time and one-way aisles. Plexiglas has been installed around the cash registers. Working on getting a credit card machine that does not require a signature and on a process to have a cash register available in the future at Robbinsdale Wine & Spirits.
28. Staff is working with Birdtown Flats on a timer system for lights on top of the building due to complaints from residents across the lake about the brightness at night. Birdtown Flats will be installing a dimmer this week to hopefully remedy the issue. Birdtown Flats will also place the dog park on the light time and dimmer to reduce brightness.
29. Staff has worked with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety and Department of Employment and Economic Development on a reopening plan for the Deputy Registrars Office. A plan was approved on Tuesday by the State to allow for appointment-only service for tabs and title transfers using the northeast vestibule. Robbinsdale City Hall will be open to the public starting Wednesday. 95% of city services can be completed by phone or online. Currently working on a cash handling strategy for City Hall.

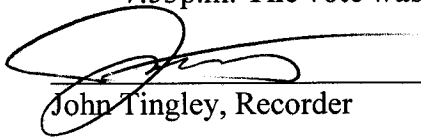
COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

30. Selman and Glick discussed the mask donation for Robbinsdale long-term care facilities and group homes that was held on Saturday, April 26th. Over 200 homemade masks were donated. Residents that want to donate masks should contact long-term care facilities in Robbinsdale directly.
31. Robbinsdale Whiz Bang Days has been cancelled for 2020 and Selman thanked the Robbinsdale Whiz Bang Committee for their service over the years and believes they made the prudent decision. The Committee will take donations on their website for the 2021 Robbinsdale Whiz Bang Days.
32. Selman encouraged residents to complete the 2020 Census. Tingley mentioned that self-reporting for the Census will continue as census workers have been unable to begin going door-to-door due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
33. Selman attended a Blue Line Now Phone call with Mayor Murphy and Metropolitan Council Chairman Zelle and other city officials on moving the Blue Line Light Project forward. The project is alive and well with some work to do.
34. Mayor Murphy is encouraged with Commissioner Zelle at the helm and the group is working on getting the Corridor Management Committees back online to continue moving forward.
35. Blonigan thanked the Robbinsdale Whiz Bang Committee for their service and encouraged residents to donate to the 2021 Whiz Bang Days Festival.
36. Blonigan thanked City Manager and staff for creating a reopening plan for Robbinsdale Wine & Spirits that emphasizes social distancing. He emphasized that liquor store profits go toward Robbinsdale Parks and Recreation funding.

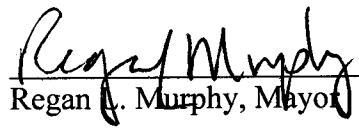
37. Lastly, he mentioned Better Futures Minnesota that takes houses set to be demolished, and employs workers trying to rebuild their lives after facing incarceration. He encouraged staff to look into the program when a home acquired by the EDA is set to be demolished.
38. Mayor Murphy mentioned the Minnesota National Guard will be conducting various flyovers of hospitals on May 6th to honor workers on the front-line of the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Murphy asked about continuing public meetings online through the end of May.
39. Glick stated that the May 19th Council meeting agenda looks to be light. Current City Hall protocol is to not allow the public into office space and into the restrooms as precautions. The restrooms would need to be available for a public meeting. Council agreed to continue meeting via WebEx through at least the end of May.

ADJOURNMENT

40. Member Blonigan **MOVED**, seconded by Member Rogan to adjourn the meeting at 7:53p.m. **The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**



John Tingley, Recorder



Regan L. Murphy, Mayor