

City of Robbinsdale
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 18, 2021
Meeting No. 10

CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor William A. Blonigan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

2. Present: Webb, Selman, Backen, Kline, Mayor Blonigan
Absent: None
Staff: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Dustin Leslie, City Clerk

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3. Mayor Blonigan opened the floor to anyone wishing to speak on any items not on the agenda.
4. No one spoke and Mayor Blonigan closed the forum.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 18, 2021 MEETING AGENDA

5. Leslie reported the following change to the agenda:
 - The voucher report for the approval of disbursement requests under Other Business B was added to the packet prior to the Council meeting.
6. **Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Kline to approve the May 18, 2021 Agenda with the updates given to Council by the City Clerk. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Webb, Selman, Backen, Kline, 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 May 18, 2021 Consent Agenda. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Webb, Selman, Backen, Kline, 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:
 - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes on 5/4/2021
 - Regular Work Session Minutes on 5/4/2021
 - B. Motion to approve issuance of licenses dated 5/18/21.

- C. Motion to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the license for the use of 4364 Grimes Ave N shown in Attachment 1.
- D. Motion to approve the April 2021 payment for City credit card charges.
- E. Motion to approve event application and entertainment license for Copperfield Hill, 4200 40th Ave. N, to host a two-day mini festival Saturday, June 12 (11am – 2pm) and Sunday June 13 (12 – 3pm), 2021 on their north parking lot adhering to conditions listed in the memo.

New Business A: Juneteenth Celebration – June 20, 2021

- 8. Glick provided background into the request highlighting areas such as expected attendance, food and beverage, entertainment, and toilet facilities. Glick recommended council waive the \$25 per hour ice rink rental fee.
- 9. Member Selman inquired about the \$15 per hour community room fee that would be used for restroom facilities. Member Selman commented that if the ice rink fee was waived why the facility fee was not waived as well.
- 10. Glick stated that there was not a request to waive the facility fee and that the rink fee was waived due to the rink not being in season meaning there is no competition for using the rink. Glick further stated that this is not an official city event and fees are generally not waived for individual requests.
- 11. Member Selman asked about the funding source. Event planner Kristyn DeGross stated the funding was coming out of their pockets.
- 12. There was a discussion between council members about waiving the \$15 per hour facility fee. It was decided that the Council would not set that precedent but that each Council member would donate to the event organizers to cover costs of the building rental.
- 13. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to approve the event application submitted by Kristyn DeGross (Ward 3) and Holly Moberg (Ward 2) to host a Juneteenth celebration on Sunday, June 20, 2021. The event to be held in Sanborn Park from 2-5 p.m. with set up to begin at noon, subject to receipt of a copy of the Hennepin County itinerant food license for Twin Cities BBQ and subject to the conditions listed in the memo. Also waiving of the \$25/hour hockey rink rental fee given that this use is off-season. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Webb, Selman, Backen, Kline, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

Other Business A: Consideration of Rescheduling regular City Council work sessions for months of June, July, and August to follow the REDA meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month instead of the 1st City Council meeting each month.

14. Glick gave background into the request stating summer City Council meetings may go long due to upcoming items that may take more consideration than usual. Glick recommended moving summer regular work sessions to follow REDA because upcoming REDA will likely have less complicated items to consider.
15. The City Council came to a consensus that the meetings should be moved to follow the REDA meetings for the months of June, July, and August. It was decided that simple consensus was needed to approve the decision and no motion or roll call was given.

Other Business B: Approval of Disbursement Requests:

16. Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to approve disbursement requests for period ending 5/18/21. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Webb, Selman, Backen, Kline, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Administrative Reports:

17. Glick stated that the next Council meeting will have a lake regulations discussion which may garner a lot of comments from the public. Glick also stated City Hall is looking at the Governor's order to end the mask mandate and will draft an end of emergency resolution for Council to pass at the June 15th meeting and that the expectation is that in-person meetings will begin in July. Glick further stated that residents can go to www.bluelineext.org to take a survey for feedback on the Blue Line Extension. Residents can also find the annual City Community survey on the Robbinsdale website by searching "survey."

Council General Communications:

18. Member Webb stated there will be opportunities to host driveway meetings regarding the proposed Blue Line Extension. Member Webb stated they are a good opportunity to give feedback to Hennepin County about the proposal.
19. Member Webb also gave condolences to the families recently affected by gun violence in North Minneapolis.
20. Member Selman voiced support for the Minnesota Wild and thanked the Mayor for writing a letter to Senator Klobuchar, Senator Smith, and Congresswomen Omar regarding the Blue Line Extension. Member Selman stated he will send another letter to the City's Federal representatives on his own.

21. Member Backen stated Commissioner Lunde is hosting a Facebook Live event on May 26th that will also be available to those without Facebook.
22. Member Backen also stated that the Robbinsdale Beautification Committee is raising funds for the downtown hanging flower baskets. Donations can be given at www.gofundme.com and searching for "Birdtown Baskets."
23. Member Kline stated he will be hosting a garage conversation at his home regarding the Blue Line Extension in the near future.
24. Mayor Blonigan stated there are three days left to send a financial proposal to request Federally funded projects. Mayor Blonigan further stated that he would write a letter asking financial consideration for the Blue Line Extension in its original form. Mayor Blonigan stated it would likely not be approved but should still make the request.

Adjournment:

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



Dustin Leslie, City Clerk



William A. Blonigan, Mayor