

City of Robbinsdale
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
June 1, 2021
Meeting No. 11

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

2. Present: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan
Absent: None
Staff: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Dustin Leslie, City Clerk; Richard McCoy, Public Works Director; Rick Pearson, Community Development Coordinator; Jeff Zuba, Finance Director; Ryan Parks, Recreation Services Manager

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. Carol Kaplan, 3921 Zenith Ave N: Kaplan went over her water bill which was much higher than usual. Kaplan gave history into her water usage stating she usually only uses 2 units of water while this period her water bill said she used over 46,000 gallons. Kaplan stated she believed the error was due to a new water meter being installed. Kaplan asked Council to approve relief on her water bill.
5. McCoy stated the issue started during the period when she still had her old meter which would rule out the new meter being the issue. McCoy stated he believed the water went through the meter.
6. Council discussed giving relief to Kaplan. Glick and Zuba went over usual process for correcting over billing issues. Glick indicated that relief should correspond to a general policy, that new meters will have alerts for high water use, and provide quicker reports to residents if there is a problem. Council directed staff to work with Kaplan on her water bill and provide policy update to the city council for consideration.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 18, 2021 MEETING AGENDA

7. Leslie reported the following change to the agenda:
 - The voucher report for the approval of disbursement requests under Other Business A was added to the packet prior to the Council meeting.
 - Additional public comments for the Lake Regulations discussion were added to the packet.

- Removal of New Business E as it was supposed to be included in the June 15th packet.
8. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Kline to approve the June 1, 2021 Agenda with the updates given to Council by the City Clerk. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

9. Mayor Blonigan removed items G and K for further consideration
- A. Motion to approve and order placed on file minutes of the City Council meeting:
1. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes on 5/18/2021
- B. Motion to receive advisory commission minutes:
- Planning Commission Minutes on 4/15/21
 - Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission Minutes on 3/23/21 (Did not meet in April)
 - Human Rights Commission Minutes on 4/29/21
- C. Motion to approve issuance of licenses dated 6/1/2021.
- D. Motion to acknowledge the Robbinsdale Wine & Spirits' financial reports for the month of April 2021.
- E. Motion to acknowledge the Deputy Registrar's financial reports for the month of April 2021.
- F. Motion to approve the Robbin Gallery Community Art event on Saturday, July 10, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- G. Motion to waive the reading and order the adoption of the Resolution #7899
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AMENDMENT
NO. 2 TO THE SITE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH T-MOBILE CENTRAL LLC AT 4133
HUBBARD AVE (shown in Exhibit 1).
- H. Adopt the Resolution #7898 shown in Exhibit 1 updating the Electronic Funds Transfer Policy and Procedures.
- I. Motion to hold the SECOND READING of the Ordinance shown in Exhibit 1 REPEALING CITY CODE SECTION 400.01, Subd. 4.
- J. Motion to waive the reading and approve the Resolution #7900 shown in Exhibit 3 APPROVING VARIANCE REQUEST V21-4 TO ALLOW A REDUCTION OF THE

REQUIRED STREET-SIDE YARD SETBACK FROM 15 FEET TO 9 FEET FOR 4028 FRANCE AVENUE NORTH.

- K. Motion to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the co-operative agreement with the DNR for the provision of concrete planks at the Lakeview Terrace Park Boat Ramp (Crystal Lake), subject to the receipt of comments from the City Attorney and resolution of any issues identified.
10. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Kline to approve the June 1, 2021 Consent Agenda with the exceptions of items G and K which were removed for further discussion. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**
11. Mayor Blonigan pulled item G to explain the benefits of having cell towers on city properties rather than private properties as the city makes additional money from these agreements.
12. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Mayor Blonigan to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution #7899 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE SITE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH T-MOBILE CENTRAL LLC AT 4133 HUBBARD AVE. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**
13. Mayor Blonigan pulled item K to acknowledge and thank the State for help with this agreement. The Mayor further stated he may have ideas for the City Attorney to discuss before the Attorney reviews the language.
14. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Mayor Blonigan to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the co-operative agreement with the DNR for the provision of concrete planks at the Lakeview Terrace Park Boat Ramp (Crystal Lake), subject to the receipt of comments from the City Attorney and resolution of any issues identified. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

Public Comment on Lake Regulations

15. Mayor Blonigan opened the floor to anyone who wished to speak.
16. Glick reviewed outreach efforts for this public comment period and recommended leaving the comment period open for another 30 days. The Council will review comments at the July 13th work session. Residents will be notified of all next steps in the process.
17. Arun Shirole, resident on Lower Twin Lake: Shirole sent in a letter to council with his comments and attended the meeting to answer any clarifications. All council members stated they received, reviewed, and understood Shirole's comments.

18. Wendy Wersal, 4429 Josephine Lane: Wersal commented the No Wake hours that are enforced causes too much confusion for residents. Wersal also opposed not allowing gas motors on the lake. Further stated that there are already State regulations in place for lakes and any additional regulations from the City would be confusing and difficult to enforce.
19. Michele Mahmood, 4268 Twin Oak Lane: Mahmood had city staff play videos of jet skis riding around on the lake. Mahmood stated jet skis are fast and unsafe and expressed concerns about their use. Mahmood made the request to make the lake a 24x7 no wake zone.
20. Belinda and Vernon Trombley, 4510 Lake Drive: Vernon Trombley stated traffic levels on the lake are low compared to peaks from the 80's. Trombley voiced support for allowing gas motor boats on the lake.
21. Tracy Boyle, Ward 1: Boyle stated that when the City looks at other lakes for comparison of regulations to keep in mind the uniqueness of Lower Twin Lake. It is a small lake with only one access point. Boyle further stated that if there are no wake restrictions, it should occur all the time rather than specific times.
22. Mahmood clarified that she did not oppose any motor boats on the lake, she is in favor of no wake.
23. All members of the Council agreed to leave the public comment period open for 30 more days.

New Business A: City Charter Amendment 40 Results from Charter Language Audit

24. Glick reviewed the background and details into the requested changes. The Commission made 4 changes removing pronouns and removed "morals" from the reasons for an emergency event in the City.
25. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to hold the first reading of the ordinance amending City Charter Amendment 40 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ROBBINSDALE CITY CHARTER CHAPTER SECTIONS 3.06, 5.17, 12.03, AND 12.04 FOR CONTEMPORARY AND INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE."** A roll call was taken: Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.
26. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Kline to direct the City Clerk to publish a public hearing notice on June 17 and schedule the public hearing on the proposed amendment for July 6. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

New Business B: Lakeview Terrace Park North Field Name Change

27. Parks reviewed background information into the request and the process for changing the name. Parks also gave background into Malone's service to the city. Further stated that this name change was unanimously supported by the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission. All costs would be covered by the Little League organization.
28. Little League Representative Jodi Voelker thanked the Council for consideration and further stated there would be ceremony during Whiz Bang Days if approved.
29. Glick reviewed policy and stated Malone's service to the public meets the requirements for the field being renamed for him.
30. **Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Selman to approve the renaming of Lakeview Terrace Park North Field to Robb Malone Field. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

New Business C: Beyond the Yellow Ribbon – Quad Communities – Request to waive park rental fees for Military Family Root Beer Float Night August 12, 2021

31. Glick reviewed background of the request and stated the organization is a non-profit and will put down a deposit to use the park.
32. Tiffany Kovalski spoke on behalf of the organization which works to connect military families after a difficult year due to COVID-19. Further stated that if the fee is waived, the money would go towards donations to military families.
33. Kovalski spoke about the mission of the organization which is a program for military families across many networks throughout Minnesota. The organization expects to have more events over the summer and plans to host a root beer float day once a summer in each city of the Quad City Community.
34. Member Backen initially opposed fee waiving due to the precedence it would set. Glick stated they are eligible due to being a registered non-profit as well as Robbinsdale being part of the Quad Communities. Backen supported the request with the additional information.
35. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to waive the rental fee of \$150 for the LVT Pavilion by the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon-Quad Communities for a Military Family Root Beer Night on Thursday August 12, 2021 from 7:00-8:30pm with the conditions listed in the memo. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

New Business D: Enterprise Fleet Management Program

36. Zuba gave background into the request highlighting cost savings over the first ten years and the benefits of using Enterprise for leasing services. Zuba clarified that the City would save \$735,000 over the first ten years of the deal then break even after that period. Zuba also stated that the Council should consider switching fleet vehicles from the color red to white to save money from re-sale.
37. Member Selman received further clarifications from Zuba regarding avoidance of the competitive bidding process as well as exit language, and the City Attorney reviewing the document. A deadline of August was given for signing the agreement as the city will be putting up vehicles for auction during that time.
38. The Council members stated that they would like to further consider this item at a future meeting if the attorney made any changes to the agreement.
39. There was a discussion regarding keeping the vehicles red vs. changing their colors to white. Council members did acknowledge there would be a small cost savings from switching over. However, the red vehicles are a part of the city's brand and that they should remain the same color.
40. **Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Mayor Blonigan to enter into an agreement to engage Enterprise to provide fleet management services for the City of Robbinsdale with vehicles keeping the red color. If the City Attorney makes any substantive changes to the language, this item will come back to Council for further consideration. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

Other Business A: Disbursement Request Approval

41. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to approve disbursement requests for period ending 6/1/2021. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

Administrative Reports

42. Glick reported the following updated to council:
 - Normally there would be a regular work session after the first Council meeting of the month. However, work sessions have been pushed to follow the monthly REDA meetings for June, July, and August.
 - The Motor Vehicle lobby is open again to the public. There is no longer a need for appointments.

- The City Hall lobby will be fully opened in July. City Hall is following the Governor's order for masks.

General Council Communications

43. Member Kline made the announcement that he and his wife had their second child on May 20th. The rest of the Council congratulated them.
44. Member Webb stated that the Seven Dreams Foundation has volunteer opportunities available. If interested, contact emily@sevendreams.org.
45. Member Webb acknowledged that June is Pride Month, National Safety Month, Men's Health Month, and PTSD Health Month. Member Webb further stated that this is the 100th Anniversary of the Tulsa, Oklahoma Massacre.
46. Mayor Blonigan gave historical background into the Tulsa Massacre.
47. Mayor Blonigan asked staff when the City would get solar panels for their buildings.
48. McCoy stated that they plan to have a company come out and look at the three major city buildings: City Hall, Public Safety Building, and the Water Treatment Plant. McCoy stated it would be most cost effective to look at all buildings at once.
49. Member Selman stated that former Robbinsdale fire fighter Nathan Zieba passed away and offered condolences to the family. Member Selman further stated that a Go Fund Me page was set up in his honor and can be found by searching Nathan Zieba's name on the site.

Adjournment:

50. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. A roll call was taken: Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**



Dustin Leslie, City Clerk



William A. Blonigan, Mayor