

**City of Robbinsdale
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
June 21, 2016
Meeting No. 12**

CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor Pro-Tem Backen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

2. Present: Rogan, Selman, Backen, Blonigan, Mayor Murphy (arrived at 7:02 pm)
Staff: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Larry Jacobson, Finance Director; Rick Pearson, Community Development Coordinator; Melissa J. Manderschied, City Attorney.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC

3. Mayor Pro-Tem Backen opened the floor to anyone wishing to speak on any items not on the agenda and hearing none, he closed the floor.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. Glick notes additions to the Consent Agenda:
 - Consent Item M: A Human Rights Commission appointment.
 - Consent Item N: An authorization for credit card payments.
 - Old Business A: A replacement report.
5. Member Selman **MOVED**, seconded by Member Blonigan to approve the agenda. **The vote was unanimous and the motion carried; Mayor Murphy Absent.**
6. (Mayor Murphy arrived at 7:02 pm).

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Member Blonigan pulled consent item K and requested to review the language of the item with the City Attorney.
8. Member Selman **MOVED**, seconded by Member Backen to approve the Consent Agenda, items A through N; with the exception of item K. **The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**
9. Items approved are as follows:

K. (Item pulled from the Consent Agenda by, Member Blonigan).

L. Motion to hold the FIRST READING of the Ordinance 16-09 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE TO ALLOW COMMON BOUNDARY LINE RELOCATIONS AS AN EXCEPTION TO PLATTING REQUIREMENTS."

M. Motion to appoint Claudia Fuglie to the HRC for a term to commence June 21, 2016.

N. Motion to approve the February through April 2016 payment for City credit card charges.

PULLED CONSENT ITEM(S):

10. Member Blonigan requested that item(s) pulled be deferred until the City Attorney was present.

11. Glick suggested that the pulled consent item be added to New Business (C).

12. Mayor Murphy declared that item "K" has become New Business.

PRESENTATION A: Whiz Bang Days – An Introduction by, Tom Marshall and presentation by, Candy Norton; Treasurer of Whiz Bang Days.

13. Marshall presented from the staff report: Whiz Bang Days – Thursday, July 7th to Sunday, July 10th (the event's 68th year). Activities are for all ages at various locations in the City of Robbinsdale. City Council approval is needed for certain locations and activities for the event.

14. Candy Norton, Treasurer of Whiz Bang Days gave an overview of the events: Trademark Events: the parade, fireworks, coronation (5th year), Bocce ball and baseball tournaments.

- New Additional Events: a partnership with North Memorial and Vail Place (a non-profit mental health resource) which will hold an annual walk called the Tour-de Vail at Lakeview Park (typically held at Loring Park). The event will likely bring up to 200-300 people into Robbinsdale for a walk on Saturday morning. Several food trucks will be added due to the increase in participants; this year there will be 7 food trucks in the Lakeview Terrace Park area. There will also be events held by the City of Robbinsdale, The Three Rivers District, the Baggo Tournament and a Talent Show.
- Saturday, July 9th there will be a one day Wood Bat Softball Tournament at

PRESENTATION B: Heart of Robbinsdale Community Foundation - An update on Foundation activities presented by, Bob Zagaros (HORCF – Chair).

23. Zagaros reported that while on the City Council, there was no method for the City to take money other than through a foundation. On February 14, 2007 the Heart of Robbinsdale Community Foundation was created as a 501 C3. A Charter was also written and board members served a two-year term.
24. Zagaros noted that funds have been given to school district 281 and others within the City of Robbinsdale have also benefited (i.e., Five City Transportation, Schools and the Fire Department). Services that the Foundation has provided include: bags for food delivery, senior community home programs, landscaping at the Historic Library, art in the Clare Terrace House, aid to all school levels, bands, sports and mentoring. Also noted, many Robbinsdale residents are not aware of the Foundation and therefore do not donate. The Foundation's website Heartofrobbinsdale.org has an application form available for grant submission. He also asked about marketing (brochures in the "UB Newsletters") or canvassing.
25. Member Selman asked if the Foundation could prepare a bullet point handout for National Night Out. Businesses may be happy to have brochures in their stores.
26. Glick suggested scheduling the Foundation for cable interview with NWCT-12 (which also posts to YouTube); Utility Billing News Notes and the City Newsletter are also options.
27. Member Selman, spoke about a grassroots effort to revitalize the Foundation, suggesting marketing be done at the City's Meet and Greet, National Night Out, little league games and at other recreational events as a reminder that the Foundation is there to support the community. In addition placing information on the Birdtown page (i.e. notices of grant requests fulfilled).
28. Mayor Murphy mentioned placing information into new homestead packets (coordinated through the Chamber) and thanked Bob Zagaros and the Foundation.
29. Bob Zagaros, closed by thanking the City Council. A gave a reminder that the Foundation meets the second Monday of each month at the Lodge beginning at 6:00 pm.

PRESENTATION C: Annual Financial Audit Report for 2015 - Presented by, Mr. Aaron Nielsen, CPA of MMKR & Co., P.A.

30. Jacobson reviewed the staff report and introduced Nielsen to present the highlights from the Comprehensive Annual Financial Audit Report for 2015.
31. Nielsen presented the information from materials handed out to Council on a

44. Jacobson noted that the City has earned a AA+ rating; there is one rating higher, but the rating currently held is considered high for a smaller city.

PUBLIC HEARING: There was no public hearing item scheduled.

OLD BUSINESS A: Consideration of revoking or suspending the rental license at 3333 Halifax Ave. N. action tabled.

45. Pearson reviewed the report and recalled the previous Council Meeting of June 7, 2016. He noted that the property owner Nam Bui and her attorney Ron Walsh (present) reported that an eviction hearing with Hennepin County is set for June 27th.
46. Pearson noted that on May 28th, 2016 a police incident report was filed; comments in the report indicated that a woman had service work done on her vehicle at the property. Pearson displayed new findings including, pictures of property and descriptions of vehicles parked at the residence.
47. Manderschied noted that if the eviction is ordered at June 27th hearing, there would be no need for findings.
48. Glick notes that the public hearing was closed on June 6th, by the Council has the option to hear from the parties.
49. Member Rogan would like to hear from both the resident and the owner since they were present.
50. Attorney Walsh, Minnesota Center 7760 France Ave South, Bloomington, MN. Noted that; the owner is looking to get a fast resolution, either after the court date in June, or after a 30 day notice.
51. Member Rogan asked, about an unlawful detainer for breach of lease due to conducting illegal activity.
52. Member Blongian requested that the City Attorney receive a copy of the court order if an eviction is issued.
53. Kasey Racette, 3333 Halifax Ave North, Robbinsdale, MN: stated that the business that was located at her place of residence has ceased and that only the cars registered to the residents are parked at the home. She said she had filed an appeal by had not been contacted.
54. Glick invited the City Clerk to speak regarding payments made by Racette.

69. Mayor Murphy asked how the City could inform local businesses. Noted that businesses may not opt to buy them if they knew there were restrictions.
70. Glick stated that the regulations could be placed with business utility bills regarding sign requirements and other outreach.
71. Member Rogan **MOVED**, seconded by Member Blonigan to hold the **FIRST READING** of the Ordinance 16-11
72. "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SIGN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW TEARDROP BANNERS AS TEMPORARY SIGNS." **The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS C: PULLED CONSENT ITEM K

73. Blonigan commented on the difference between the words "4/5ths of the City Council" vs. "4/5ths of the full City Council." He asked for adjustments to be made to the language of the Ordinance.
74. Manderschied agreed that an edit could be made before 2nd Reading.
75. Member Blonigan **MOVED**, seconded by Member Rogan to hold the **FIRST READING** of the Ordinance 16-12 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 535 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE CITY CHARTER SECTION 3.04." **The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

OTHER BUSINESS A: Letter to Legislators Regarding Special Session

76. Glick reviewed the report.
77. Member Blonigan suggested adding that "furthermore, interest rates are low at this time and labor and material costs for construction are rising so, there is an additional cost of delay as a result of these factors."
78. Member Selman **MOVED**, seconded by Member Backen to authorize the Mayor to execute (both) letters to local representatives supporting a special session to complete unfinished work and for inclusion of omnibus transportation funding in a special session agreement; with additional language. **The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**
79. Member Backen requested that the City Manager send out the letters by Wednesday, June 22nd, 2016.

92. Member Selman spoke with the Whiz Bang Days' Committee and committed all Council Members to participate in the parade.
93. Member Blonigan mentioned the sale of Whiz Bang Days buttons.
94. Member Selman noted that buttons may be purchased at City Hall, Citizens Independent Bank and 3883 West Broadway Bark and Bathe.
95. Member Blonigan received an update on the rip rap repair under the bridge. Visited Manor Park on Sunday and believes the new parking lines are working great. Commented on the Manor Park Splash pad and noted that future splash pads should be designed to save and recirculate water.
96. Mayor Murphy mentioned a Sunpost article on Baseball in Benin (a small country in West Africa). Gary Tongsager and Wally Langfellow (Armstrong Cooper Youth Baseball Associates from Robbinsdale) are introducing the game of baseball to children. Funds are raised from Wood Bat Tournaments in Robbinsdale each August to supply equipment for the team. Twelve children from Benin will be selected to come to the US to play in the Robbinsdale Wood Bat Tournament (the second weekend in August this year.)
97. Member Rogan congratulated Langfellow for his work.

ADJOURNMENT

98. Member Selman seconded by Member Rogan to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m.
The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.



Alexandria Olson, Recorder



Regan L. Murphy, Mayor