

**City of Robbinsdale
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
June 21, 2022
Meeting No. 12**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

2. Present: Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan
Absent: None
Staff: Tim Sandvik, City Manager; MaiTeng Moua, Assistant to City Manager – Communications.

**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. David Ulbrich, 3700 Hubbard Ave N, spoke to Council about working with community members to get trailers and trucks to Robbinsdale residents who need support with hauling yard waste to dump sites.
5. Jonathan Healy, 3927 Noble Ave N, spoke to Council about a recent Facebook poll he conducted regarding traffic enforcement. The results are as follow: 481 total votes; 45% in favor of keeping the current speed limit; 19% in favor of reducing the speed limit by 5 MPH; 15% in favor of enforcing current laws and reducing speed limit where appropriate; 7% in favor of only reducing speed limit at local parks. Resident stated he support reducing speed limit with an emphasis on traffic enforcement and traffic calming measures.
6. Katie Whiteford, 4041 Perry Ave N, addressed to Council the ongoing noise violations from downtown establishments. Resident stated she continues to hear music inside her house from commercial businesses, Travail and Wicked Wort. Resident asked Council to enforce the noise ordinance as this has been an ongoing issue for three summers.
7. Mark Paquette, 4035 Perry Ave N, spoke to Council about concerning noise level from commercial businesses.
8. Mayor Blonigan asked if any Council Members want to say anything.
9. Member Webb mentioned she thought the noise issue was addressed last year and an agreement was met with the business owners. Member Webb asked if other Council Members and/or City Manager Sandvik recall the outcome.

10. Sandvik gave a brief review of the noise violation protocols and stated the City will continue to work with business owners to pursue permits for special events and to work in compliance with the noise ordinance.
11. Member Webb asked what the follow-up would look like for the two residents that spoke to Council about noise violations from commercial businesses.
12. Sandvik stated he will continue to have conversations and work with the Robbinsdale Police Department and business owners to address previous issues and enforce noise ordinance for future events.
13. Member Selman stated he will not be supporting any more outside activity requests until businesses proactively satisfy the noise rule.
14. Member Backen suggested looking at permit examples for hospitals in the area and see how those compare to the ones we have and possibly create something similar.
15. Mayor Blonigan stated he support that there be a penalty or refusal to grant permits or permits be subject to a 3-hour loss period if you're detected in violation of decibel level. He also stated he support citations for anyone in violation.
16. Mayor Blonigan thanked the public and residents for presenting their matters to Council.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 21, 2022 MEETING AGENDA

17. Moua reported the following changes to the agenda:
 - Voucher Report for Other Business A.
18. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to approve the June 21, 2022 Agenda with the update given to Council by Moua. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

19. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to approve the June 21, 2022 Consent Agenda with the exception of item E pulled for further consideration. 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 6/7/22
 - Regular City Council Work Session minutes on 6/14/22
 - B. Motion to receive advisory commission minutes:
 - Senior Commission minutes on 5/2/22

- C. Motion to approve issuance of licenses dated 6/21/22.
- D. Motion to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to accept the quote provided by Hydro Kleen for the lining of a failed stormsewer in Zenith Avenue for the estimated amount of \$36,052.58.
- E. (Removed)

CONSENT ITEM E: MOTION TO APPOINT CLAUDIA FUGILE AS AN AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ROBBINSDALE SENIOR COMMISSION FOR A TERM COMMENCING IMMEDIATELY.

- 20. Mayor Blonigan removed item E to thank Claudia Fugile for applying to the Robbinsdale Senior Commission as an at-large representative. He noted that the Commission has an additional opening if others are interested.
- 21. **Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Selman to appoint Claudia Fugile as an at-large representative on the Robbinsdale Senior Commission for a term commencing immediately. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

PUBLIC HEARING A: SECOND READING: 20-YEAR FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH CENTERPOINT ENERGY

- 22. Sandvik gave background into the request. Sandvik stated this will be the second reading, the first was conducted in May.
- 23. Mayor Blonigan opened the public hearing.
- 24. Member Webb asked Sandvik to break down to the public how residents would be impacted and help better understand what this would look like for business owners.
- 25. Sandvik explained that this is a percentage-based franchise fee that is based on utility usage. Sandvik stated that what residents see at the bottom of their CenterPoint Energy statement is where the franchise fee is applied, which will vary from resident-to-resident and business-to-business. He noted the City can defer, in the tax capacity area, that if the City were to continue the efforts in road reconstruction or a bulk of where these dollars go and if this franchise fee were to go away, the levy would have to be increased to make up for the amount loss. Sandvik mentioned it is a way of spreading it across based on usage of the utility and allowing CenterPoint Energy to have access to install utility and rights-of-way to perform the work in Robbinsdale.
- 26. Member Backen asked how long the City has had a franchise fee.
- 27. Mayor Blonigan stated that it must have been at least 20 years ago when the franchise fee was passed and provided background on the start of the franchise fee.

28. Member Backen asked if the action requested is just for the franchise agreement and not the fee? Mayor Blonigan confirmed that the franchise agreement renewal is every 20 years, whereas the actual franchise fee renewal is every 2 years.
29. **Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Selman to close the public hearing. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**
30. **Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to Hold the second reading of Ordinance 22-07 “AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., d/b/a CENTERPOINT ENERGY MINNESOTA GAS (“CENTERPOINT ENERGY”), ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, REPAIR AND MAINTAIN FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION, MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF GAS ENERGY FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE USE; AND TO USE THE PUBLIC WAYS AND GROUNDS OF THE CITY OF ROBBINSDALE, MINNESOTA, FOR SUCH PURPOSE; AND, PRESCRIBING CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF.” The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**
31. **A roll call was taken. Ayes: Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan. Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

OTHER BUSINESS A: DISBURSEMENT REQUESTS

32. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to approve disbursement requests for period ending 6/21/2022. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

33. Moua provided updates for upcoming Absentee/Early voting for the August 9th Primary Election.
34. Sandvik expressed the City will continue to offer a temporary drop-site on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Public Works Facility. Sandvik stated the city is in the process of putting together a conglomerate plan to conduct a one-time city-wide yard waste collection. He noted the City will provide updates to residents as they are confirmed.
35. Sandvik noted there are still spaces available on the Robbinsdale Parks and Recreation Youth Baseball Program if anyone is interested.
36. Sandvik reviewed list of upcoming City events.

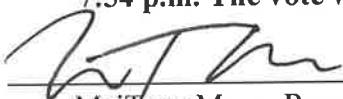
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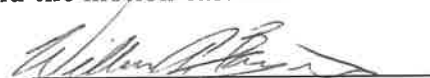
37. Member Webb spoke about the Food Truck providing free meals for kids launched by Independent School District 281.

38. Member Webb stated the Farmer's Market is going very well and encouraged all to support family and local farmers.
39. Member Webb spoke and acknowledged the importance of Juneteenth and urged all to become more educated about the celebration and reasoning behind it. She thanked the community members who hosted Juneteenth events.
40. Member Selman stated the City needs Election Judges for the Primary Election if anyone is interested.
41. Member Selman stated he has read and acknowledged all the emails and texts he received in regards to Waste Management. He expressed that it's nice to know we're all working towards the same goal.
42. Member Selman offered condolences to Susan Nelson's family and the Citizens Independent Bank family.
43. Member Backen mentioned that the missed city-wide yard waste collection on Saturday, June 18, was out of the City's control and encouraged continued patience as the City work to find a long-term solution.
44. Member Webb stated she received a couple calls regarding campaign canvassers and asked Sandvik for more information.
45. Sandvik provided a general overview of guidelines and regulations on solicitation in the City of Robbinsdale, and asked Council and residents to contact the City Hall administrative office for any questions.
46. Mayor Blonigan echoed the importance of learning more about Juneteenth and encouraged all to support the farmer's market.
47. Mayor Blonigan expressed shared frustration with Waste Management issues and stated his disagreement with the first come first serve policy for the City's dump site. Mayor Blonigan mentioned hearing that Waste Management offers roll off bins for rent and suggested the City take a look at that option.
48. Mayor Blonigan gave an overview of his ride along experience with the Robbinsdale Police Department.

Adjournment:

49. **Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**


Mai Teng Moua, Recorder


William A. Blonigan, Mayor