

**City of Robbinsdale
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 6, 2021
Meeting No. 13**

CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor William A. Blonigan called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

ROLL CALL

2. Present: Kline, Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan
Absent: None
Staff: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Dustin Leslie, City Clerk; Rick Pearson,
Community Development Coordinator; Patrick Foley, Police Chief; Chris
Woodhall, Police Sergeant; Kevin Byrnes, Fire Department

**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. James Ommart, former resident of Robbinsdale, discussed crosswalk at 42nd and Yates where his son was hit by a car and hospitalized. Ommart stated he has been working with the City to make the intersection more accessible and wanted to know the status of the request.
5. Glick stated Hennepin County confirmed the City must update the curb to correct the slope to make it more accessible. The City approached the homeowner who owns the property and they were not willing to give up their property. The City is now looking into a public purpose taking of part of the property for the ADA ramp.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 6, 2021 MEETING AGENDA

6. Leslie reported the following changes to the agenda:
 - The voucher report for Other Business A was added to the packet.
 - Minor grammatical changes were made by the Mayor to the Resolution under Consent Item G.
 - Minor grammatical changes and updated language to the 2nd condition was made by the Mayor to the Resolution on Consent Item F.
 - Minor grammar change to the 6/15/21 Council minutes on line 48: "out going" was corrected to "outgoing."
7. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to approve the July 6, 2021 Agenda with the updates given to Council by the City Clerk. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

8. Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to approve the July 6, 2021 Consent Agenda. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- A. Motion to approve and order placed on file minutes of the City Council meeting:
 - Council Meeting Minutes on 6/15/21
- B. Motion to receive advisory commission minutes:
 - Human Rights Commission Minutes on 5/27/21
- C. Motion to acknowledge the Deputy Registrar's financial reports for the month of May 2021.
- D. Motion to acknowledge the Robbinsdale Wine and Spirits' financial reports for the month of May 2021.
- E. Motion to approve issuance of licenses from list dated 7/6/21.
- F. Motion to waive the reading and adopt Resolution No. 7905 "A RESOLUTION APPROVING VARIANCE REQUEST V21-5 FOR 3855 YORK AVENUE NORTH REDUCING THE REAR YARD SETBACK FOR AN EXPANSION OF THE ATTACHED GARAGE."
- G. Motion to waive the reading and adopt Resolution No. 7906, "A RESOLUTION HONORING DIANE JACOBSON MCGEE FOR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE ROBBINSDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY."

PUBLIC HEARING A: PUBLIC HEARING FOR CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT 40 RESULTS FROM CHARTER LANGUAGE AUDIT

- 9. Glick reviewed the changes being considered for the City Charter which updated gender specific language and removed "morals" as grounds for a local emergency. Glick stated that votes for Charter amendment updates must be unanimous.
- 10. Mayor Blonigan opened the floor for those who wished to speak.
- 11. There were no speakers.
- 12. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to close the public hearing. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**
- 13. **Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Selman to hold the second reading and consider adoption of Ordinance No. 21-05 - 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: Kline, Webb, Selman,**

Backen, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

14. Glick confirmed that the Charter Amendment would be effective 90 days after publication.

NEW BUSINESS A: PUBLIC SAFETY ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

15. Leslie gave overview of the request and stated the application was approved by the Police Chief and City Engineer with recommendations listed in the memo.
16. Chief Foley and Byrnes shared what to expect at the event: New Hope K9 Unit interaction, medical examiner presentation, go-kart drunk driving demo, eye care testing, fire extinguisher demo, fingerprinting and photo opportunities for kids, plus more.
17. Member Webb asked for clarification regarding kids getting pictures taken at the jail. Chief Foley stated it has been one of the most popular parts of the event in the past. Glick stated the photo ops are done in a room away from the rest of the activities. It was noted that the fingerprinting and mug shots may not be valued by all as a kid-friendly activity.
18. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Kline to approve the application for the annual Public Safety Open House on Saturday, August 14, 2021 with the closure of Hubbard Avenue North between 4101 and 4139 from 10:00 a.m. until approximately 3:30 p.m., along with recommendations noted in the memo. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

OTHER BUSINESS A: DISBURSEMENT REQUEST APPROVAL

19. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to approve disbursement requests for period ending 7/6/2021. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

20. Glick stated Whiz Bang Days would take place over the upcoming weekend. Reviewed events and what to expect from the weekend. Glick further stated that the Whiz Bang Days Committee worked hard in a COVID-recovery period that did not allow a lot of time for pulling together events.
21. Glick stated there have been a lot of complaints about fireworks in the city. Glick further stated that it is difficult for police to respond to fireworks complaints and officers are often on higher priority calls.
22. Sergeant Woodhall stated he worked on the 4th of July and there was a large amount of fireworks being set off – more than in normal years. Police were responding to multiple fires in the City and were not able to respond to all the fireworks calls. He shared that issuing a citation is a lengthy process. Warnings and getting activities to cease allows for contact with more violators.

23. Member Selman asked what typical enforcement occurs for an illegal fireworks violation. Sergeant Woodhall stated police typically seize the illegal fireworks, identify the individual, and give them a citation. Woodhall also stated that noise curfew is 10pm for legal fireworks after Member Kline inquired.
24. Glick also stated National Night Out registration is currently open for the August 3rd event.

COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

25. Member Kline expressed excitement for meetings being in-person and for upcoming Whiz Bang Days for which he will be participating in the reverse parade.
26. Member Webb stated she will be hosting a Blue Line Driveway talk at the Sanborn Park picnic shelter July 22nd from 6pm-8pm. Encouraged residents to come and give feedback on the project.
27. Member Webb expressed excitement about Whiz Bang Days and will be involved in the reverse parade.
28. Member Webb and Member Selman stated that speeding has been a problem in the City and asked about the speed trailer and its location.
29. Glick stated she would look into the location of the speed trailer and that its location would be kept up to date in the Council communications.
30. Member Selman stated he would not be involved in Whiz Bang Days this year but encouraged residents to visit their website to learn what events would be available to them: www.robbinsdalewhizbangdays.com.
31. Member Backen discussed the work session that happened prior to the meeting regarding the Blue Line. Encouraged residents to give their feedback.
32. Glick stated the following events would be coming up:
- 1) Blue Line Driveway talk with Hennepin County Commissioner's Office July 13th from 6pm – 8pm at Lakeview Terrace Park Pavilion.
 - 2) Blue Line Open House at Robbinsdale UCC Church, 4200 Lake Road on July 19th from 4:30pm – 7pm.
 - 3) Blue Line Driveway Discussion with Council Member Sheila Webb at Sanborn Park on July 22nd from 6pm to 8pm.
33. Member Kline stated he will also be hosting a driveway event on September 8th.
34. Mayor Blonigan encouraged residents to participate in Whiz Bang Days and that he will be involved in the reverse parade. Mayor Blonigan also thanked the volunteers and asked

residents to support the local businesses. Member Selman echoed statement in supporting the businesses.

35. Mayor Blonigan thanked Diane Jacobson McGee for her hard work and dedication to the City for her work as President at the Robbinsdale Historical Society.

36. Mayor Blonigan requested that the issue of speeding be added to the next work session agenda.

37. Mayor Blonigan expressed excitement about returning to in-person meetings.

Adjournment:

38. Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Kline to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.



Dustin Leslie, City Clerk



William A. Blonigan, Mayor