City of Robbinsdale
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 18, 2017
Meeting No. 14

CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

2. Present: Selman, Backen, Blonigan, Rogan, Mayor Murphy
   Staff: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Tom Marshall, Director of Administrative Services; Larry Jacobson, Finance Director

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC

3. Mayor Murphy opened the floor to anyone wishing to speak on any items not on the agenda. No one chose to speak.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. Glick noted the additions of updated National Night Out list for Consent F, updated memo for Consent G, updated proclamation for Consent H, and updated resolution sample for Old Business A.

5. Member Selman **MOVED,** seconded by Member Rogan to approve the agenda with the additions as noted above. **The vote was unanimous and the motion carried**

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Member Blonigan **MOVED,** seconded by Member Rogan to approve the Consent Agenda. **The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

7. Items approved are as follows:
   A. Motion to approve and order placed on file minutes of the regular City Council meeting of 7/5/17, City Council work session of 7/5/17 and Special City Council Meeting of 7/11/17.

   B. Motion to approve issuance of licenses from list dated 7/18/17.

   C. Motion to authorize Mayor Murphy to send letter requesting assistance from the Public Health Law Center.

   D. Motion to approve the June 2017 payment for City credit card charges.

E. Motion to receive Information regarding the General Fund, Debt Service and Internal Fund Operation Budget Work Session.

F. Motion to approve the requested block parties for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1, 2017.

G. Motion to approve the requested block parties and state-aid street closures for National Night Out.

H. Motion to ratify the proclamation proclaiming, September 25th through October 1st, 2017 as: Diaper Need Awareness Week in Robbinsdale.

I. Motion to authorize the recording of the lot split for 4112 Yates Ave N. as approved by Resolution 4856 adopted on May 19, 1992.

OLD BUSINESS A: The Lodge – Continuation of Liquor License Violation Consideration

8. Marshall reviewed the staff report.

9. Alan Peterson, 2192 St. Stephan Street, Roseville: He is hoping to purchase The Lodge and is currently completing upgrades. He would be the majority owner and would like to change The Lodge from a music venue to a place to have a burger and a beer which would be family friendly. The restaurant has over 7,000 square feet of space with three distinct spaces. He plans on changing one of the rooms into a game room for families. The middle room would be a Bar and Grill with the front space serving as an event center for weddings and community events. The current operator has never operated a restaurant that was less than 60% food sales.

10. Member Rogan asked Mr. Peterson about when he planned to close on the purchase.

11. Mr. Peterson stated the planned purchasing date is August 26 depending on landlord lease approval and license approval. He is currently managing for Kathy McMenomen. They have already started making changes by cleaning the carpets and reupholstering the chairs. August will be the last transitional month with the last band and plan to start marketing in September. Previously operated Station 4 in St. Paul, no longer interested in operating a music venue. He anticipates the event center holding about 250 people.

12. Member Selman asked when the management contract went into effect.

13. Mr. Peterson stated it was the last day of the month in June.

14. Member Blonigan noted the space is quite large and has had several owners over the years. He asked how Mr. Peterson plans on making this a profitable venue when the past owners haven't been able to.

15. Mr. Peterson believes good signage on West Broadway, new doors with side windows so you can feel comfortable about space you're entering. Adding glass walls for entrance into Entertainment Space. By eliminating bands, you reduce the costs. Good opportunity for business relations.

16. Member Selman asked if a name change is being considered and if imposing a civil fine would hurt his business, and about pull tab sales.

17. Mr. Peterson said that a name change was considered but decided to keep The Lodge name after speaking to neighbors and customers. He doesn't oppose a civil fine but asked for lenience with current owner. He would prefer to have a local pull tab vendor.

18. Mayor Murphy asked about plan for increasing food sales versus liquor sales.

19. Mr. Peterson said he will be revamping the venue and advertising to create a dinner hour. Their catering sales will help the food sale balance. The name of the entity will be Rob N Dale LLC d/b/a The Lodge and d/b/a Red Apron Catering doing outside catering.

20. Mayor Murphy noted that residents are loyal for good service and good food. First impressions are important.

21. Member Selman believes a civil fine is needed at minimum of $500 to show that regulations are not casual.

22. Member Blonigan believes he could go along with that given how many months The Lodge was not in compliance.

23. Member Rogan believes the intent is to force compliance and change. In this case the change is happening. Would support reduction if the change of owners occurs by end of August.

24. Member Backen supported Member Rogan's suggestion of waiving the fine if ownership is changing.

25. Mayor Murphy stated that if ownership wasn't changing, he would support Member Selman's suggestion.

26. Member Rogan **MOVED**, seconded by Backen to approve Resolution NO. 7579 "A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A CIVIL FINE ON THE LODGE FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CITY CODE REQUIREMENTS."

27. Members Selman and Blonigan indicated they would vote against Resolution.

28. Glick verified the requirement revoking the special license after 1am would not be a problem.

29. Roll Call: **Ayes: Backen, Rogan, Mayor Murphy Nays: Selman, Blonigan**

NEW BUSINESS A: Resolution to Authorize Bond Sale for City Project 31817

30. Jacobson reviewed the staff report and introduced Paul Steinman from Springsted incorporated.

31. Steinman noted current AA+ rating. The proceeds of the sale of $3,290,000 in General Obligation Bonds is to finance the Noble Avenue Construction project including street and utility related improvements. General Obligation Bonds are structured to achieve a levy which is almost level by using utility revenue and special assessments over 10 years. AA+ is an excellent rating which helps with interest savings. It is difficult for smaller, land-locked cities to achieve the highest bond rating, a AAA rating.

32. Member Blonigan confirmed advice that bond insurance was not recommended in advance and that insurance purchases would be up to underwriter.

33. Steinman indicated recent longer term bond sale in a similar sized city with a AA rating but over a longer period of estimated 3%.

34. Jacobson noted borrowed amount was reduced by use of MSA funds, use of reserves, and other funds.

35. Jacobson confirmed a bond issue dropped off in 2016 and nothing is expected to drop off in next couple years. If a fire truck needed to be purchased in the next couple years, the City could utilize a Capital Equipment note, internal funds or other, or a not yet determined financing option. Water tower replacement would be supported by a General Obligation Revenue Bonds which would be paid by using revenue from the water utility. The water utility generates revenue by billing customers for water used and applying a service charge to each dwelling unit.

36. Member Selman **MOVED**, seconded by Member Blonigan to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution No. 7580 "A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION STREET AND UTILITY IMPORVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2017A, IN THE PROPOSED

AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF $3,290,000." **The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

OTHER BUSINESS A: Disbursement Requests for period ending 7/18/17

37. Member Rogan **MOVED**, seconded by Member Backen to approve disbursement requests for period ending 7/18/17. **The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

ADMINISRATIVE REPORTS

38. Glick noted an upcoming Open House for the Comprehensive Plan updates Thursday, July 20 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and the Pet and Wheel parade and Sanborn Park concert by the Robbinsdale City Band is Thursday, July 27.

39. Glick mentioned that the Sun Post is transitioning to Mail Delivery and people need to sign up if they would like to continue the free delivery.

COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

40. Member Blonigan attended the Visualizing Density Workshop on July 12 and thought it was valuable but perhaps not as much value for Council as would be for Planning Commission.

41. Rogan noted he is planning to attend Railvolution and reminded others the scholarship application deadline is July 20.

42. Member Selman stated that the Robbinsdale Play Ball Clinic took place that day and his granddaughters had a great time. He thanked the Robbinsdale Recreation Department, Police Department, the Cal Ripken Jr. Foundation and the Twins Community Fund for putting on a great event. He also thanked the Whiz Bang Committee for a great Whiz Bang Days and the new Robbinsdale Ambassadors.

43. Member Backen noted that the Whiz Bang Ambassadors, this years and last years, will be in the Aquatennial parade in Minneapolis.

44. Mayor Murphy mentioned there is still time to sign up for National Night Out event on August 1. Contact City Hall for info.

ADJOURNMENT

45. Member Selman **MOVED** seconded by Member Rogan to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. **The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

John Tingley, Recorder

Regan L. Murphy, Mayor