

**City of Robbinsdale
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 19, 2022
Meeting No. 14**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

2. Present: Backen, Webb, Selman, Mayor Blonigan
Staff: Tim Sandvik, City Manager; Dustin Leslie, City Clerk.

**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. Jonathan Healy – 3927 Noble Ave N: Resident recommended to the Council to consider creating a Renter’s Commission to give input about issues facing renters in Robbinsdale. Healy also asked Council not to restrict THC sales in Robbinsdale. Finally, Healy stated he canvassed the entire third ward for his election campaign and stated the majority of people he spoke with did not support lowering the residential speed limit in Robbinsdale.
5. Mayor Blonigan stated they would discuss the possibility of a Renter’s Commission at a future work session.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 19, 2022 MEETING AGENDA

6. Leslie reported the following change to the agenda:
 - Updated Consent Item F for National Night Out approvals as more applications came in after the agenda packet was sent out.
 - 1st reading ordinance to go with the New Business A THC Moratorium item.
 - Updated Consent Item E and Resolution for transfer of the VEBA Trust as the original had grammatical errors which were adjusted.
 - Voucher Report for Other Business A.
7. **Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Selman to approve the July 19, 2022 Agenda with the update 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 19, 2022 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:
 - City Council Meeting minutes on 7/5/22

- Regular City Council Work Session Minutes on 7/12/22
- B. Motion to approve issuance of licenses dated 7/19/22.
 - C. Motion to approve the application for the annual Public Safety Open House on Saturday, August 13, 2022 with the closure of Hubbard Avenue North between 41st and 41 ½ Avenues North from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., along with the recommendations noted in this memo.
 - D. Motion to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution #7989 "A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE HENNEPIN COUNTY DISTRICT COURT APPOINTMENT OF QUALIFIED VOTER OF THE CITY OF ROBBINSDALE CHARTER COMMISSION"
 - E. Motion to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution #7990 "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE TRANSFER OF THE CITY OF ROBBINSDALE VEBA (VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEE BENEFICIARY ASSOCIATION) TRUSTEE FROM MATRIX FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS, INC. TO HAND & BENEFITS TRUST COMPANY EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022."
 - F. Motion to approve the requested block parties for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 with the conditions listed in the memo.
 - G. Motion to approve the request for the Robbinsdale Chamber of Commerce to hold their annual event on Monday, September 12, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (road closure 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.) on West Broadway from the Walgreens Rx pick-up driveway to 42nd Avenue, and 41 ½ Avenue from West Broadway to Hubbard, and direct staff accordingly.

NEW BUSINESS A: MORATORIUM REGARDING THE REGULATION OF THC PRODUCTS

9. Sandvik gave background information, procedural considerations, and summarized the emergency interim ordinance that was being considered. Sandvik stated the ordinance had to be approved unanimously in order for it to pass and that it would go into effect in 24 hours per city charter.
10. Mayor Blonigan asked to update language in the ordinance on page 2, section 3: Moratorium under sub-paragraph A. The Mayor requested that "up to twelve (12) months from the effective date" be changed to "twelve (12) months from the effective date." Mayor Blonigan stated he supported the ordinance as the issue should be well-studied.

11. Member Selman stated he supported the ordinance so that retailers could be well-informed about the THC issue in the city.
12. Member Backen stated he supported the ordinance and that the city should talk to the business community and come up with good guidelines.
13. Member Webb stated she supported the moratorium and would like to talk about zoning in the future in regards to THC.
14. **Mayor Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to approve the Emergency Ordinance #22-09 "AN EMERGENCY INTERIM ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW USES OR THE EXPANSION OF EXISTING USES RELATED TO SALES, TESTING, MANUFACTURING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THC PRODUCTS." A roll call was taken. Ayes: Backen, Webb, Selman, Mayor Blonigan. Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

OTHER BUSINESS A: DISBURSEMENT REQUESTS

15. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to approve disbursement requests for period ending 7/19/2022. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

16. Sandvik reminded Council and the community that the next City Council meeting would take place on Monday, August 1st so it would not interfere with National Night Out.
17. Sandvik stated the city was currently hiring several full-time positions and encouraged residents to apply. Mayor Blonigan spoke about the benefits of working at the city.
18. Leslie reminded residents that July 19 was the last day to register online to vote but that they could register in person the day of the election.

COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

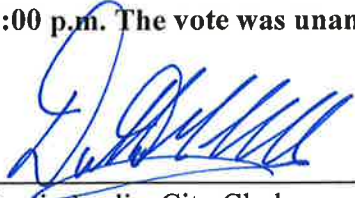
19. Member Backen reminded residents of an open house to consider installing a sport court at Manor Park. Member Backen stated the open house would take place July 26 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Manor Park near the splash pad.
20. Member Webb spoke about new suicide crisis hotline number: 988. Member Webb stated they were hiring and looking for volunteers.
21. Member Webb spoke about the food trucks coming to Robbinsdale parks and encouraged residents under 18 to go and get a free meal.
22. Member Webb asked Sandvik for an update on Waste Management and the drop off site as well as an update on Sunset Park with the garbage and debris at the park.

23. Sandvik gave an update on Waste Management and reviewed credits residents received on their current bill. Sandvik stated the drop-off site will be open until further notice on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7am to 7pm at the Public Works Facility: 4601 Toledo Ave N. Sandvik finally encouraged residents to contact city staff if trash was overflowing at parks or if there were any similar issues.
24. Member Selman spoke of his frustrations with Waste Management and criticized their lack of communication.
25. Member Selman thanked the Mayor for attempting to get the Blue Line Corridor Committee to look at the railway again as an option. Member Selman stated the committee would not let the Mayor make a motion to even discuss it. Member Selman expressed that the new route would destroy the community and that he was moving out of Robbinsdale at the end of his term.
26. Member Selman spoke of National Night Out and was excited to get out and meet residents.
27. Member Backen stated he was disappointed with Met Council for not even discussing the Resolution brought to the Corridor Management Committee.
28. Member Selman stated he took a bus tour of the proposed LRT stops and that the Met Council did not ask him to speak at the Elim stop even though other elected officials were allowed to speak at other stops.
29. Mayor Blonigan spoke about the 988-suicide crisis number saying they can help people or direct them to resources.
30. Mayor Blonigan spoke about National Night Out and looked forward to an opportunity to meet with residents.
31. Mayor Blonigan spoke about visiting the BBQ cook off at the Lakeview Terrace Farmer's Market and encouraged residents to visit on Saturdays from 8am to Noon.
32. Mayor Blonigan spoke about frustrations with Waste Management and stated his recycling pickup has been two business days behind.
33. Mayor Blonigan spoke about the LRT Resolution at the Corridor Management Committee which asked legislative leaders to try and incent BNSF to reconsider letting the Met Council use the railway for Blue Line. Mayor Blonigan stated there was a misconception that Robbinsdale wanted to change the Minneapolis route which was not true. Mayor Blonigan finally stated that not letting him even make a motion on the item was a disturbing lack of transparency.

34. Mayor Blonigan asked if the city was assigned a Green Corp member yet. Sandvik stated there was no update at the time of the meeting.

Adjournment:

35. **Member Webb MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**



Dustin Leslie, City Clerk



William A. Blonigan, Mayor