

City of Robbinsdale
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 2, 2021
Meeting No. 15

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

2. Present: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan
Absent: None
Staff: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Dustin Leslie, City Clerk; Rick Pearson, Community Development Coordinator; Jeff Zuba, Finance Director; Brittany Sibell, Accountant

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3. Mayor Blonigan opened the floor to anyone wishing to speak on any items not on the agenda.
4. Katie Whiteford: 4041 Perry Ave N: Resident expressed concerns about loud music coming from downtown concerts that could be clearly heard in her neighborhood. Whiteboard has been in contact with city staff and stated the City Manager has contacted the businesses.
5. Glick reviewed rules and permit information for businesses that hold concerts. Glick stated she heard back from Travail about the complaint but not Wicked Wort. Glick stated she also made the Police Chief aware of the complaints.
6. Kent Brun: 4271 Drew Ave N: Resident came to Council asking for clarifications about the proposed Blue Line Extension and if it would be running down County 81 and if other possibilities such as rapid transit are being looked at.
7. Member Backen stated that nothing is set in stone in regards to light rail but that County 81 is currently the only route being considered and that no other transit options for the route are in the discussion.
8. Glick reviewed the stages of the Blue Line planning and stated the soonest the project would be completed would be 2028. The project is currently in the early planning stages. Glick further stated that municipal consent would likely come sometime next year.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 2, 2021 MEETING AGENDA

9. Leslie reported the following changes to the agenda:

- The voucher report for Other Business A was added to the packet.
- An additional item was added to the consent agenda for approval of a sign at the former TCF Bank now known as Huntington National Bank.
- The updated National Night Out approval list with an updated memo was added to the packet.

10. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to approve the August 2, 2021 Agenda with the updates given to Council by the City Clerk. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

11. Member Kline removed item F for further consideration.

12. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Kline to approve the August 2, 2021 Consent Agenda with the exception of item F which was pulled from the consent agenda 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 8/2/21
 - Special Work Session minutes on 7/20/21
 - Special Work Session Park Tour minutes on 7/27/21
- B. Motion to receive advisory commission minutes:
- Human Rights Commission minutes on 6/24/21
- C. Motion to approve the issuance of licenses dated 8/2/21.
- D. Motion to acknowledge the Deputy Registrar's financial reports for the month of June 2021.
- E. Motion to acknowledge the Robbinsdale Wine & Spirits' financial reports for the month of June 2021.
- F. (Removed)
- G. Motion to approve the request for the Robbinsdale Chamber of Commerce to hold their annual event on Monday, September 13, 2021, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm (road closure 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm) on West Broadway from Walgreens Rx pick-up driveway to 42nd Avenues, and 41 ½ Avenue from West Broadway to Hubbard, and direct staff accordingly.

- H. Motion to qualify Sacred Heart Church Fun Fest as a community event and eligible for extended outdoor music until 11pm per City Code and approve the event with conditions listed in the memo.
- I. Motion to approve the event application submitted by Travail Kitchen, 4134 West Broadway, to use Lakeview Terrace Park for their annual event on Saturday, August 14, 2021, with the park available for event set-up Friday, August 13, 8-10pm, and Saturday, August 14 beginning at 10am, and takedown completed by 10pm on Saturday, August 14. All appropriate licenses must be obtained and fees paid. Final approval must include Police Officer staffing requirements and Fire Department approval of the final set-up.
- J. Motion to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to accept the quote provided by Metro Paving Inc. for street mill and overlay work for the estimated amount of \$32,970.
- K. MnDot Offer to Release Interest in Property for Proposed New Water Tower.
- Motion to accept the offer from the Department of Transportation for the conveyance of parcels 168 and 169 in accordance with the letter dated July 20th, 2021.
 - Motion to authorize the payment of \$29,000.
 - Motion to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign any necessary documents to complete the conveyance.
- L. Motion to approve the requested block parties for National Night Out with conditions and recommendations listed in the memo.

Consent Item F: School Resource Officer Agreement.

13. Member Kline stated he pulled the item to ask if there has been any push back regarding the renewal of the contract as there has been pushback in other communities about having a School Resource Officer.
14. Chief Foley stated there has been zero pushback from the school regarding the contract.
- 15. Member Kline MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign the School Resource Officer Agreement between the Independent School District 281 and the City of Robbinsdale. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

Old Business A: Authorization to Resubmit the Robbinsdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan to the Metropolitan Council.

16. Pearson gave the report with highlights and revisions listed in the memo. Member Selman thanked staff for the changed language on page 54 following discussions from the previous council meeting.

17. Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to waive the reading and approve the Resolution 7908 "AUTHORIZING THE RESUBMISSION OF THE ROBBINSDALE 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL."

18. Mayor Blonigan stated he received a letter from the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) about updating the airport zoning standards. Mayor Blonigan asked staff if changes could affect the plan and require an amendment.

19. Glick stated there is an airport section of the Comprehensive Plan and the new board could update zoning. It is possible an exhibit in the plan would need to be amended.

20. Mayor Blonigan gave more details about the letter saying there will be a Joint Airport Zoning Board (JAZB) formed to develop and implement an Airport Safety and Land Use Zoning Ordinance for the Crystal Airport.

21. Glick stated that work on the 2050 Comprehensive Plan will begin in the near future so it is possible the 2040 plan would not need to be updated even if changes are made. Glick suggested that the city send two members who are familiar with zoning to sit on the board.

22. A vote was taken. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

23. Member Selman suggested advertising the board appointment to see if any residents would be interested.

New Business A: 1st Reading – Update to City Code Related to Street Closures.

24. Glick presented the request to Council highlighting reasons for the change. Glick stated the Council will still approve certain road closures for events.

25. Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Kline to hold the 1st reading of Ordinance 21-08 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ROBBINSDALE CITY CODE TO ALLOW STAFF APPROVAL OF STREET CLOSURES FOR NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS." Mayor Blonigan called a roll call. Ayes: Selman, Backen, Kline, Webb, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

New Business B: Zoning Appeal Misc. 21-2 for Parking a Large Commercial Vehicle at 4118 Shoreline Drive.

26. Pearson gave the report highlighting recommendations made by the Planning Commission which includes creating a study into ordinance changes which would be presented at a later Council meeting.

27. Member Backen expressed concerns about allowing the truck to be parked in the alley. Concerns included:

- Future neighbors having issues with the truck as it does go over the property line.
 - Snow removal and storage issues in the winter.
 - Other residents being told they cannot park work vehicles at home (e.g. landscaping businesses).
28. Member Backen stated he would be hesitant to support making any changes now but would support the Planning Commission doing a study to see what an ordinance change would look like. The rest of the Council members concurred with allowing a study.
29. Mayor Blonigan and Member Selman shared concerns about sight lines due to the truck blocking the neighbor's garage.
30. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to concur with the Planning Commission and direct staff to work on an amendment to Section 510.17, Off-Street Parking Standards, to allow the parking of vehicles exceeding 9,000 pounds gross vehicle weight, according to standards to be determined, to allow more flexibility for parking commercial vehicles in a reasonable manner while maintaining the residential character of the residential neighborhood; and suspend enforcement of Section 510.17, Subd. 2(b) regarding the appellant's property while new code language is being considered. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

Other Business A: Disbursement Requests

31. **Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Selman to approve disbursement requests for period ending 8/2/21. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

Administrative Reports

32. Glick stated that Travail will be having a members only event at Lakeview Terrace August 14th and will be sending letters to nearby residents. Travail is planning to have an event open to the public in the near future.
33. Glick stated that there have been many concerns recently about Waste Management's service. Glick and Zuba met with the Waste Management team about current service level concerns. Zuba stated Waste Management is experiencing these concerns due to staffing levels, the cart exchange program that is being handled by a third party vendor, and miscommunications from Waste Management. Zuba stated the City has recouped some funding from Waste Management due to these issues.
34. Mayor Blonigan stated that complaints due to trash service have been rare in the past but have increased recently. Mayor Blonigan requested a letter from the Finance Department that he could forward on to residents that reach out to him.
35. Glick reviewed the process of issuing credits to residents for a single missed trash day and stated it would be cost prohibitive. The damages collected from Waste Management will be included when setting rates for the following year.

36. Member Backen made the suggestion to have Waste Management take on all complaints to ease to the burden on city staff.
37. Glick stated that sometime in the future she would be retiring and went over the general process of hiring a new City Manager. Glick will be announcing a date sometime in the future.
38. Glick stated Jeff Zuba accepted a position in California and the position of Finance Director is currently open.

Council General Communications

39. Member Selman spoke about Bagster container issues. Glick stated these are bought at retail stores and the hauler doesn't know the bags are there until the homeowner calls. She noted that leaving the bags out is a code violation already if someone reports.
40. Member Kline discussed a loud music complaint from a resident at the beginning of the meeting. Member Kline encouraged residents to contact their council member by phone or email or reach out to City Hall when they have similar issues.
41. Member Kline stated National Night Out will be held tomorrow and spoke on the importance of residents getting to know their neighbors.
42. Member Webb stated that speeding is still an issue within the city.
43. Member Webb asked city staff if there would be a new mask mandate at City Hall due to the Delta Variant. Glick stated the City generally follows the Governor's order but is currently having internal discussions about plans for masks at City Hall. Glick stated she receives a bi-weekly report from Hennepin County regarding case amounts and that Hennepin County is still relatively low for cases.
44. Member Webb reminded the community about National Night Out and that she was excited to attend.
45. Mayor Blonigan thanked Council Members for their condolences in regards to his mother-in-law passing.
46. Mayor Blonigan spoke about National Night Out.

Adjournment:

Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

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Dustin Leslie, City Clerk

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William A. Blonigan, Mayor