

**City of Robbinsdale
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 20, 2016
Meeting No. 19**

CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

2. Present: Blonigan, Rogan, Selman, Backen, Mayor Murphy
Absent: None
Staff: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Tom Marshal, Director of Administrative Recreation Services & City Clerk; Pam Schmitz, Recreation Programs Manager; Ryan Parks, Recreation Programs Coordinator; Rick Pearson, Community Development Coordinator; Richard McCoy, City Engineer & Public Works Director

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC

3. Mayor Murphy opened the floor to anyone wishing to speak on any items not on the agenda and hearing none, he closed the floor.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. Glick noted the following additions to the Agenda:
 - Added business licenses to Consent C.
 - Report update for Old Business A with a letter received from the public.
 - Letter for New Business A.
 - Packet of statics related to the presentation on Robbinsdale's garbage system.
 - Copy of a draft insert for tax statement letters that will be distributed in October or November.
5. Member Selman **MOVED**, seconded by Member Backen to approve the agenda. **The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Member Blonigan **MOVED**, seconded by Member Selman to approve the Consent Agenda, items A through I. **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 September 6, 2016 and City Council Work Session of September 6, 2016.
- B. Motion to approve acknowledge receipt and placing on file minutes of the following Commissions and Boards:
 - Planning Commission for 08/18/2016.
- C. Motion to approve issuance of licenses from list dated September 20, 2016.
- D. Motion to approve Sacred Heart Catholic School Robbinsdale walk/bike special event on Saturday, October 1st including:
 - 1. Providing crossing guards along 42nd Avenue at Chowen, Beard, Abbott, Zenith, and York Avenues along with 40th, 39th, 38th and 36th Avenues along the parkway from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and,
 - 2. Use of the area around the Sanborn Park building and the building itself from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. as their start/finish and gathering area.
- E. Motion to approve the recommendation that the city general election canvass board meeting at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15th at Robbinsdale City Hall.
- F. Motion to approve the updates to the City's personnel policy and staff will then add them to the employee handbook and notify employees of the updates.
- G. Motion to approve three PCI Policies and Procedures: PCI Compliancy Policy for Staff, Information Technology PCI Compliancy Policy and City of Robbinsdale Information Security Incident Plan to satisfy requirements for all aspects of Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCI-DSS) that apply to Robbinsdale.
- H. Motion to hold the SECOND READING of the Ordinance 16-15 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 425 THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE IDENTIFYING SUMP PUMP AND DRAIN TILE DISCHARGE AS A NUISANCE"
- I. Motion to table the SECOND READING of the Ordinance 16-14 "AN ORDINANCE VACATING RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 36TH AVE. N., AND THE WEST BROADWAY FRONTAGE ROAD IN FRONT OF THE TERRACE MALL AND NORTH MEMORIAL (VAC 16-2) TO OCTOBER 4, 2016.

PRESENTATION A: Waste Management

- 8. Marshall read from the staff report.

9. Johnathan Beseman of Waste Management gave the presentation and noted the trash and recycling totals and statics for 2014-2016. He spoke on the importance of making a city wide effort to educate the public better on what needs to be recycled. There is competition in the market on recycling glass due to use of sand from fracking. A Widget that provides electronic educational materials is made available at no cost for the city's website. It is for the public, free, simple and easy to use. The Widget can be found under Recycle Often and Recycle Right (RORR). Each home, on average, recycled 15.7 lbs. less in 2015 verses 2014.
10. Beseman mentioned about a pilot program and the process for collecting organics.
11. Member Rogan asked if those not recycling could be identified by waste management and then receive educational material.
12. Member Rogan asked for comparisons to other neighboring cities.
13. Beseman could compile neighboring statistics for a future report; more education would help improve recycling in each community.
14. Member Selman asked if the trucks carry away waste use "CNG" (Compressed Natural Gas).
15. Beseman noted that 95% of trucks used by the Waste Management Company are CNG. He also mentioned that taxes are on trash, not on recycling. The big push is to make sure the recycling remains clean.

PRESENTATION B: Recreation Services Department

16. Schmitz and Parks read from the staff report which explained an overview of recreational services provided from January 2016 through August 2016:
 - There were 150 programs offered in various areas.
 - Over 1,000 program registrations have been taken with an average of 50% using the online system.
 - Robbinsdale has continued to establish a great working relationship with neighboring cities: Crystal, New Hope and Golden Valley. By broadening as a cooperative program more people are likely to attend.
 - Facility rentals totaled over 4,000 reserved hours.
17. Mayor Murphy asked if there would ever be an opportunity to have the Vehicle Fair in Robbinsdale.
18. Pam responded that Robbinsdale does not have adequate parking, the amount of

traffic could pose a problem and most people are familiar with the Vehicle Fair being in Crystal.

19. Marshal commented on the lakes in Robbinsdale, noting that a few years a canoe rack was put up with 6 rentals available and 2 on a wait list. Also, a kayak program is to be scheduled with Hoigaards.

PUBLIC HEARING:

20. There are no Public Hearing items scheduled.

OLD BUSINESS A: Award Bid for Lakeview Terrace Park Pavilion (City Project 26816)

21. McCoy read from the staff report and noted a last minute e-mail distributed to council.
22. Member Blonigan asked if there was a possible way to build the pavilion in another area to reduce the cost.
23. McCoy stated that much of the park is on a Lake bottom, everything currently built there is built on pilings.
24. Member Blonigan asked if it would be better since the pavilion would cost twice as much (due to the bad soil) to have two pavilions built at other parks with better soils.
25. McCoy this particular park would see more use for a pavilion.
26. Member Rogan **MOVED**, seconded by Member Selman to waive the reading and order the adoption of the Resolution 7514 "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS AND WARDING CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A PAVILION IN LAKEVIEW TERRACE PARK – CITY PROJECT 26816." to Derau Construction of Burnsville, MN; with additional language (see amended Resolution 7514). **The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS A: Conditional Use Permit for Off-Site Parking as Principal use at 4716-18 42nd Ave. N. Requested by Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapel

27. Rick read from the staff report.
28. Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on September 15, 2016. During the meeting staff felt like the plan was consistent with the Robbinsdale guidelines because it included landscape screening.
29. Member Rogan asked about assurance that drainage will not become a problem.
30. Glick noted that the plans must be approved by the City Engineer.

31. McCoy added that the buffer areas around the sides of the parking lot would allow water to pond in these buffers as it moves along the way.
32. Member Selman asked if a painted crosswalk could be added as a condition to the agreement.
33. Mayor Murphy noted that he was not in favor of the parking lot because it did not seem consistent with the downtown architectural structure and it is only for the funeral home. He also mentioned the possibility that that Light rail could possibly obtain the property in the near future if approved.
34. Member Blonigan suggested building a rain garden to retain water, similar to what was presented to him by another local business.
35. William McReavy of Washburn McReavy Funeral Chapel (4239 West Broadway) noted that the funeral home has been open since the early 1980's. He was willing to cooperate with the suggestions of the council in regards to the painted crosswalk across the alley way and the concept of a possible rain garden.
36. Member Blonigan **MOVED**, seconded by Member Selman to waive the reading and concur with the Planning Commission by adopting an amended Resolution 7515 "A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUEST C16-2 TO REDEVELOP 4716 AND 4718 42ND AVENUE NORTH FOR A PARKING LOT AND PROVIDE OFF-SITE PARKING FOR WASHBURN-MCREAVY FUNERAL CHAPEL AT 4239 WEST BROADWAY." (see amended Resolution 7515). **The vote was 4 to 1; Mayor Murphy opposed and the motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS B: Request to Approve Demolition of Commercial Structure:
4716 and 4718 42nd Ave N. – Requested by Washburn-McReavy**

37. Rick read from the staff report.
38. Member George **MOVED**, seconded by Member Rogan to waive the reading and order the adoption of the Resolution 7516 "A RESOLUTION APPROVING DEMOLITION OF BUILDING 4716 42ND AVE N AND 4718 42ND AVE N." provided that the conditional use permit for off-site parking has been approved. **The vote was 4 to 1; Mayor Murphy opposed and the motion carried.**

OTHER BUSINESS A: Voucher Request Pending Approval for Disbursement

39. Member Rogan **MOVED**, seconded by Member Selman to approve disbursement requests for period ending September 20, 2016. **The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

40. Glick noted the Special EDA meeting following the night's City Council Meeting pertaining to refinancing Cunningham Apartment and a grant application.
41. Glick noted a special Harvest Fest event at Copperfield Hill Harvest Fest. Minnesota Makers will hold the grand opening of their shop at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 24th. Also on Saturday, the Historic Terrace Theatre Organization will be presenting the movie "Grease" at the Robbinsdale Historical Society. The Historic Terrace Theatre Organization will be presenting the movie GREASE! There will be a fundraiser for the Heart of Robbinsdale at the Wicked Wort's October Fest.
42. Discussion on the re-editing of the Truth in Taxation document regarding the proposed 2017 Robbinsdale budget; with a link to the website on fiscal disparities.

COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

43. Member Blonigan spoke about a constituent that was concerned about pedestrian safety on Lake Road near Spanjers Park and suggested a better crosswalk system be put into place.
44. McCoy noted that they did refer that area to a Hennepin County Road Safety Committee and deemed that the location did not warrant any flashing light sign. As the area becomes more heavily used the matter could be reconsidered.
45. Member Rogan commented on two massive snapping turtles that live near the lake and cause a traffic problem.
46. Member Rogan attended the Government Advisory Council Meeting (attended by local cities and school boards). He noted that Robbinsdale's 5.44% levy was on the low end of the spectrum compared to neighboring cities that reach a levy of 9 or 10%.
47. Glick added that these neighboring cities are ramping up their levy increases to include the cost of road projects.
48. Member Selman mentioned the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Committee, is struggling for membership. The organization assists active duty military families the surrounding cities assist. He also promoted HUG Diaper Awareness Week and encouraged residents to donate diapers.
49. Member Backen promoted the October Fest on October 1st for the Heart of Robbinsdale fundraising event at the Wicked Wort.

50. Member Rogan mentioned that the FDA made the decision to approve the environment research and work done to make way for the Blue Line Rail extension.
51. Mayor Murphy congratulated the Honorable Judge Kate Menendez (the wife of Member Rogan) who will serve as the next U.S Magistrate Judge in the state of MN.
52. Mayor Murphy announced that the new playground at Triangle Park will officially open; Saturday, September 24th at 10:00 a.m. will be the official opening. Reminded residents that e-subscribe is available on the City's website if anyone would like to receive future City Agendas or weekly news letters (Green Sheet).

ADJOURNMENT

53. Member Selman **MOVED**, seconded by Member Backen to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. **The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**



Alexandria Olson, Recorder



Regan L. Murphy, Mayor