

City of Robbinsdale
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 15, 2022
Meeting No. 22

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

2. Present: Selman, Backen, Webb, Mayor Blonigan
Staff: Tim Sandvik, City Manager; Dustin Leslie, City Clerk; Rick Pearson,
Community Development Coordinator; Ron Batty, City Attorney.

**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. No one spoke.
5. **Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Selman to close the public forum. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 15, 2022 MEETING AGENDA

6. Leslie reported the following change to the agenda:
 - The Master Plan document to go with Consent Item I was added to the agenda.
 - A new Consent Item K was added to the agenda.
 - The Voucher Report was added to Other Business A.
7. **Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to approve the November 15, 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 Webb to approve the November 15, 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 11/1/22
 - City Council Special Work Session minutes (1) on 11/1/22
 - City Council Special Work Session minutes (2) on 11/1/22
- B. Motion to receive advisory commission minutes:
 - Senior Commission minutes on 10/3/22
- C. Motion to approve issuance of licenses dated 11/15/22.
- D. Motion to acknowledge the financial reports for the quarter ended September 2022.
- E. Motion to approve the September 2022 payment for City credit card charges.
- F. Motion to approve the October 2022 payment for City credit card charges.
- G. Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN HENNEPIN COUNTY AND CITY OF ROBBINSDALE AND THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT – HC#-A22114419.
- H. Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute SENTENCING TO SERVICE PROGRAM SERVICES AGREEMENT – Contract No. A2211458.
- I. Motion to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution #8008 “A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE FRENCH REGIONAL PARK MASTER PLAN.”
- J. Motion to authorize city staff to promote 2022 Small Business Saturday – Letter of Support.
- K. Motion to authorize a 7:00 a.m. Sunday start of construction work on the New Water Tower 1 project on November 20th, 2022 for the purpose of hoisting and affixing the metal bowl.

NEW BUSINESS A: FIRST READING OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SALE OF THC AND CANNABINOID PRODUCTS

- 9. Pearson gave the report.

10. Member Selman stated the former coffee shop at 3965 West Broadway currently zoned as B1 requested the ability to sell THC products.
11. Pearson gave Council options for the coffee shop including rezoning the property into B2. Pearson reviewed the process for rezoning. Pearson also compared zones B1 and B2 stating B1 was more restrictive since it bordered residential areas.
12. Mayor Blonigan stated he preferred the coffee shop to apply for rezoning.
13. Member Backen and Member Selman agreed with the business applying for rezoning. Member Selman noted the issue was not time sensitive.
14. Mayor Blonigan asked if the moratorium on the sale of THC products would be lifted once the ordinance goes into effect. Pearson stated the licensing ordinance would also have to be passed and put into effect. Sandvik noted staff was in the process of finalizing the licensing language.
15. **Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to waive the reading and concur with the Planning Commission by holding the first reading of Ordinance #22-10 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING CODE SECTIONS 505.09, 520.03, AND 521.01 OF THE CITY CODE FOR THE REGULATION OF THC AND CANNABINOID PRODUCTS. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS B: REQUEST TO WAIVE DOWNTOWN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN GUIDELINES REQUIREMENTS FOR A WALL SIGN AT 4089 WEST BROADWAY

16. Pearson gave the report and spoke about the West Broadway preservation efforts and downtown architectural design guidelines.
17. Mayor Blonigan asked about the financial burden to the business owner if they were not allowed to use the sign. Pearson stated he did not know how much a new compliant sign would cost the business owner.
18. Mayor Blonigan inquired about allowing the sign to be up for five years then sunseting once they are able to save up for a new sign. Pearson stated it would not be legal to sunset the allowance of a sign.
19. Member Backen stated he was against allowing the sign and that the city should stick to the guidelines.
20. Pearson stated the Robbinsdale Economic Development Authority could look at giving the business a forgivable loan for a visage improvement.

21. Member Webb stated she supported allowing the sign to be displayed. Member Webb further stated there have been inconsistencies in what has been allowed with the guidelines and that Robbinsdale is different now than what it has been in the past.
22. Mayor Blonigan stated he wanted to hear more from the business owner and what the financial burden would be to him if he needed to buy a new sign. Mayor Blonigan also stated he would like the REDA to explore forgivable loans for the business.
23. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to table the decision to a future meeting when more information was gathered. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

OTHER BUSINESS A: VOUCHER REQUESTS PENDING APPROVAL FOR DISBURSEMENT

24. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to approve disbursement requests for period ending 11/15/2022. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

25. Leslie gave Council a report on the election and thanked all who were involved in its success.
26. Sandvik gave an LRT update including upcoming meetings.
27. Sandvik reminded the public City Hall would be closed 11/24 and 11/25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.
28. Sandvik gave an update on the water treatment plant.

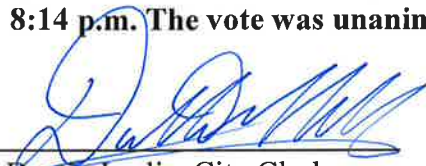
COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

29. Member Selman spoke about his anti-LRT coalition and encouraged residents to contact him if they wanted to join.
30. Member Selman thanked city staff and poll workers for their work on running the election.
31. Member Backen thanked poll workers and staff for the election. Member Backen also congratulated Wagner, Parisian, Murphy, and Blackledge for their success in local races.
32. Member Webb thanked the community for exercising their right to vote.
33. Member Webb stated she would like to invite Nieshea Smith, the Full Service Community School Coordinator at Robbinsdale Middle School, to speak to Council about the benefits of community school.

34. Mayor Blonigan thanked staff and poll workers for their work during the election.
35. Mayor Blonigan congratulated staff on the opening of the water treatment plant.
36. Mayor Blonigan noted there was now 8 billion people on the planet and that work needed to be done to preserve resources on Earth. Mayor Blonigan spoke about the first Partners in Energy meeting and the work they would be doing to make Robbinsdale a more sustainable city.
37. Mayor Blonigan gave his condolences to Jim Giebenhain who was the former facilities director for the Robbinsdale School District and longtime resident of the city.
38. Mayor Blonigan wished a Happy Thanksgiving to the community.

Adjournment:

39. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**


Dustin Leslie, City Clerk
William A. Blonigan, Mayor