

**City of Robbinsdale
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 16, 2021
Meeting No. 22**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

2. Present: Webb, Selman, Backen, Kline, Mayor Blonigan
Absent: None
Staff: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Dustin Leslie, City Clerk; Diaa Tahoun, Finance Director; Richard McCoy, Public Works Director.

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.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 16, 2021 MEETING AGENDA

5. Leslie reported the following changes to the agenda:
 - The voucher report for Other Business B was added to the packet.
6. Member Selman **MOVED**, seconded by Member Kline to approve the November 16, 2021 Agenda with the updates given to Council by the City Clerk. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Member Selman **MOVED**, seconded by Member Backen to approve the November 16, 2021 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 11/2/21
 - Special City Council Work Session minutes on 11/2/21
 - Budget Work Session minutes on 11/2/21
 - Special City Council Work Session minutes on 11/9/21
 - Regular City Council Work Session minutes on 11/9/21
 - City Council Fire Department Tour minutes on 11/1/21
 - B. Motion to receive advisory commission minutes:
 - Senior Commission Meeting minutes on 10/4/21
 - C. Motion to approve issuance of licenses dated 11/16/21.

- D. Motion to adopt Resolution #7928 “AUTHORIZING EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY.”
- E. Motion to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution #7929 “A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE HENNEPIN COUNTY DISTRICT COURT REAPPOINTMENT OF QUALIFIED VOTER OF THE CITY OF ROBBINSDALE TO THE ROBBINSDALE CHARTER COMMISSION.”
- F. Motion to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution #7930 “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ROBBINSDALE TO ENTER INTO THE 2022-2025 RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH HENNEPIN COUNTY AND ACCEPTING THE REVISED HENNEPIN COUNTY RESIDENT RECYCLING FUNDING POLICY.”

PUBLIC HEARING A – CHICKENS – 4550 GRIMES AVENUE NORTH

- 8. Mayor Blonigan opened the public hearing.
- 9. Resident Hunter Gullickson who submitted the application thanked Council Members and asked if they had any questions.
- 10. Member Selman asked if the chicken coop was in good repair. Gullickson confirmed that it was.
- 11. Member Backen noted that the residents would be receiving the chickens and the coop from the previous owner and asked if all six chickens were from the previous owner. Gullickson confirmed they were from the previous owner but that one had passed. They plan to fill in with chicks over time.
- 12. **Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Kline to close the public hearing. The vote was unanimous and the motioned carried.**
- 13. **Member Kline MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to approve the request of 6 chickens at 4550 Grimes Avenue North subject to conditions listed in the memo. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS A: SECOND READING – UPDATE TO SECTION 815.07 AND 2040

- 14. Glick gave the report and background into the updates as well as next steps with the DNR. Glick also noted the updated addition and definition of Slow-Wake versus No-Wake Lake. Glick noted changes to Lower Twin Lake and Ryan Lake as part of the updates.
- 15. Mayor Blonigan opened the floor for public comment
- 16. No one spoke.

17. Member Kline **MOVED**, seconded by Member Selman to hold the second reading and approve Ordinance #21-13 "AN ORDINANCE UPDATING ROBBINSDALE CITY CODE SECTIONS 815.07 AND 2040 RELATED TO LAKE REGULATIONS." A roll call was taken. Ayes: Webb, Selman, Kline, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: Backen. The motion passed 4-1.

OTHER BUSINESS A: SCHEDULE SPECIAL WORK SESSION – UPDATE ON LRT

18. Glick stated the purposed of this work session would be to receive a report from the Metropolitan Council on the proposed Blue Line Extension Light Rail project.
19. Member Selman stated he would vote no because receiving more updates from the Metropolitan Council regarding the Light Rail would be a waste of time because three Council members already oppose the project.
20. Member Backen **MOVED**, seconded by Member Webb to schedule a work session starting at 6:30pm on Monday, December 13, 2021 to review information gathered to date on the proposed light rail transit Blue Line Extension using County Road 81 through Robbinsdale. A roll call was taken. Ayes: Webb, Backen, Kline, Mayor Blonigan; Nays: Selman. The motion passed 4-1.

OTHER BUSINESS B: DISBURSEMENT REQUEST APPROVAL

21. Member Selman **MOVED**, seconded by Member Backen to approve disbursement requests for period ending 11/16/2021. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

22. Glick reminded Council that there would be a work session after the meeting to speak about the Truth in Taxation notices and an update on the light rail project.
23. Glick reminded Council about the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony taking place on December 7th before the Council meeting.
24. Glick informed Council about a new partnership with One Meal who will provide City Hall with non-perishable food distribution. Free meals will now be available at City Hall for those in need.

COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

25. Member Selman made the request to have the Planning Commission, CAC representatives, and BAC representatives invited to the December 13th Work Session regarding light rail.
26. Member Kline informed Council that he attended the Government Advisory Council meeting with the Robbinsdale Area Schools Superintendent. Member Kline said there

was a conversation about bus transportation and that the Superintendent held a different opinion than the elected officials about how the transportation situation is going.

27. Member Kline also attended the Bottineau Steering Committee meeting which included a good presentation from Brooklyn Park about projects around the community college. Member Kline also stated he was planning on having a meeting with Metropolitan Council representative Robert Lilligren.
28. Mayor Blonigan stated he met with Lilligren and had a good meeting with him. Mayor Blonigan said Lilligren is ready to represent the City and repair the relationship between him and the City Council.
29. Mayor Blonigan noted that the Robbinsdale Area Schools Superintendent stated the bus contracts went to a company from North Carolina who did not have a lot of experience in bussing services in order to save money. He also noted the school district should work to get lower workers compensation rates.
30. Member Kline stated that the school district is instituting an opt-out option for students who do not use the bus. Once the district has a better idea who needs bus service, they will redraw the bus routes.
31. Mayor Blonigan brought up investments and if legislation allowed the City to invest through the State Board of Investments it could get better returns.
32. Member Selman passed around pictures of rental bikes and shopping carts in the road and blocking the sidewalk to members of the Council. Member Selman stated this occurred around HyVee and that a resident in a wheelchair could have difficulty getting around one of the carts.

Adjournment:

33. Member Kline MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.



Dustin Leslie, City Clerk



William A. Blonigan, Mayor