

**City of Robbinsdale
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
December 6, 2022
Meeting No. 23**

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; Diaa Tahoun,
Finance Director; Richard McCoy, Public Works Director; Rick Pearson,
Community Development Coordinator.
Guests: Chaz Sandifer, New MPLS.

**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. Jerry Blem – 2605 Parkview Ave N: Resident thanked Members Backen and Selman for their work while being on the Council.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 6, 2022 MEETING AGENDA

5. Leslie reported the following change to the agenda:
 - Objection received from resident regarding Public Hearing E.
 - Public comment received from resident regarding Public Hearing F.
 - The Voucher Report was added to Other Business A.
6. Leslie stated Gary Krause at 4261 Zenith Ave N called City Hall to say he could not make the Council meeting but objected to the rate increases for Public Hearing F.
7. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to approve the December 6, 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 December 6, 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 11/15/22
- B. Motion to receive advisory commission minutes:
 - Planning Commission meeting minutes on 10/27/22
- C. Motion to approve issuance of licenses dated 12/6/22.
- D. Motion to acknowledge the Deputy Registrar's financial reports for the month of October 2022.
- E. Motion to acknowledge the Robbinsdale Wine & Spirits' financial reports for the month of October 2022.
- F. Motion to approve Hy-Vee's renewal of the on-sale intoxicating liquor, including Sunday sales, and off-sale liquor sales licenses, as well as the following licenses: convenience foods, restaurant, gas pumps, and tobacco sales subject to the City Clerk's office receiving all information needed to satisfy ordinance requirements.
- G. Motion to approve Broadway Pizza/Eagle Nest Lounge's renewal of the on-sale intoxicating liquor license, including Sunday sales, and restaurant license, subject to the City Clerk's office receiving all information needed to satisfy ordinance requirements.
- H. Motion to approve El Toro's renewal of the on-sale intoxicating liquor license, including Sunday sales, and restaurant license, subject to the City Clerk's office receiving all information needed to satisfy ordinance requirements.
- I. Motion to approve Wicked Wort's renewal of on-sale intoxicating liquor license, on-sale and off-sale brew pub, and Sunday sales, restaurant and entertainment licenses, subject to the City Clerk's office receiving all information needed to satisfy ordinance requirements.
- J. Motion approve Marna's Eatery and Lounge's renewal of on-sale intoxicating liquor license, including Sunday sales, and restaurant license, subject to the City Clerk's office receiving all information needed to satisfy ordinance requirements including CPA statement showing gross receipts from liquor sales not exceeding 60%.
- K. Motion to approve Travail Kitchen and Amusements renewal of on-sale intoxicating liquor license, including Sunday sales, restaurant and entertainment, subject to the City Clerk's office receiving all

information needed to satisfy ordinance requirements.

- L. Motion to approve Birdhouse Eat & Drink renewal of the on-sale intoxicating liquor license, including Sunday sales, and restaurant license, subject to the City Clerk's office receiving all information needed to satisfy ordinance requirements including CPA statement showing gross receipts from liquor sales not exceeding 60%.
- M. Motion to authorize the City Manager and Finance Director to issue a Purchase Order to MacQueen Equipment of St. Paul, Minnesota for the purchase of a 2023 Trackless MT7 with a John Deere 74HP 4.5 Tier 4 diesel engine plus 51" Ribbon Snow Blower, 60" x 32" Sweeper and 5 Position Folding V Plow, for the new amount of \$182,796.00 which includes trading existing unit #22 for \$12,500.00.
- N. Motion to authorize the City Manager and Finance Director to issue a Purchase Order to Equipment and Supply of Hopkins, Minnesota for the purchase of a Perkins SAT-750 6 cubic Yard lifting and dumping unit including installation on a City owned Cab/chassis for the amount of \$30,995.00.

PRESENTATION A: LAKEVIEW TERRACE FARMER'S MARKET PRESENTATION

- 9. Sandifer introduced herself to Council and gave a review of the first year of the Farmer's Market. Sandifer noted last year was a pilot year and wanted to create a 5-year plan for the future.
- 10. Member Webb asked Sandifer how the city could help the market specifically. Sandifer stated more visibility and communications from the city for the market would be helpful.
- 11. Mayor Blonigan spoke about the benefits of having the market in the city.
- 12. Member Selman thanked Sandifer and encouraged to proceed with the 5-year plan but to be aware of impacts from the Blue Line when it comes to town. Sandifer stated she was working with Three Rivers Park district and they would assist her with impacts.
- 13. Member Backen asked how the city would move forward with helping the market. Sandvik stated Sandifer would attend a future work session to plan the future of the market with the city.

PUBLIC HEARING A: LIQUOR AND RESTAURANT LICENSES FOR JASON SCOTT LYONS, DBA NONNA ROSA'S RISTORANTE ITALIANO

- 14. Sandvik presented the report to Council.
- 15. Mayor Blonigan opened the public hearing. No one spoke initially so Mayor Blonigan gave the business owner an opportunity to speak. Lyons spoke about the restaurant and

stated he would maintain what people like about the restaurant while also making improvements.

16. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to close the public hearing. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

17. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Mayor Blonigan to approve the issuance of the restaurant and liquor license to Jason Scott Lyons, dba Nonna Rosa's Ristorante Italiano, and allow the applicant to pay the license fees for the remainder of 2022 and for all of 2023. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

PUBLIC HEARING B: PAWN AMERICA – PAWNBROKER & SECOND HAND GOODS LICENSES – 4134 WEST BROADWAY

18. Sandvik presented the report to Council.

19. Mayor Blonigan opened the public hearing. No one spoke.

20. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to close the public hearing.**

21. Member Selman and Sandvik spoke about the auditing process for Pawn America. Sandvik noted the police department was satisfied with their background investigation of the business.

22. **The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

23. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to approve of the 2023 Pawnbroker and Second Hand Goods licenses for Pawn America Minnesota, LLC at 4134 West Broadway, subject to the City Clerk's office receiving all information needed to satisfy ordinance requirements. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

PUBLIC HEARING C: FLY VINTAGE & VINYL – CONSIGNMENT AND SECOND HAND GOODS LICENSE – 3900 36TH AVENUE NORTH

24. Sandvik presented the report to Council.

25. Mayor Blonigan opened the public hearing. No one spoke.

26. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to close the public hearing. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

27. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to approve Consignment and Second Hand Goods 2023 licenses for Betsy Kay Ruppert-Kan and Daniel Sung-Tak Ruppert-Kan, dba Fly Vintage & Vinyl, LLC, 3900 36th Avenue North. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

PUBLIC HEARING D: FINDS ON BROADWAY – CONSIGNMENT & SECOND HAND GOODS LICENSES – 4180 WEST BROADWAY

28. Sandvik presented the report to Council.
29. Mayor Blonigan opened the public hearing. No one spoke.
30. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to close the public hearing. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**
31. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to approve Consignment and Second Hand Goods 2023 licenses for Celeste Shahidi, dba Finds on Broadway, for 4180 West Broadway, contingent on a successful background investigation. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

PUBLIC HEARING E: RESCHEDULED ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF HUBBARD AVENUE BETWEEN GRIMES AVENUE AND 38TH AVENUE AND SECTIONS OF GRIMES AVENUE, FRANCE AVENUE, 36TH AVENUE, AND 38TH AVENUE – CITY PROJECTS 38222 AND 45022

32. McCoy presented the report to Council.
33. Mayor Blonigan and McCoy spoke about the assessment process and average costs to residents. There was also a discussion about the specific work being done during the course of the project.
34. Member Selman spoke about the importance of updating old infrastructure in the city.
35. Mayor Blonigan open the public hearing
36. Ross Nova – 3605 France Avenue North: resident owns a rental property and asked if the assessment would affect his property financially. Mayor Blonigan noted the resident's property had a \$0 assessment.
37. Marc DeOtis – 3729 Hubbard Avenue North: Resident stated he objected to the assessment as it would not increase the property value of his home arguing that was a legal requirement for special assessments.
38. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to close the public hearing. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**
39. McCoy addressed the concerns brought up during the hearing. McCoy confirmed 3605 France Avenue North would have a \$0 assessment. McCoy also spoke about the benefits of redoing the entire road on Hubbard.

40. DeOtis argued there would only be a special benefit if the property value of his home increased and did not think his property value would increase through the work done.
41. Scott Nieman - 4548 Zenith Avenue North: Resident spoke about legal definitions from an article he submitted to the Sun Post and asked for more transparency of future street projects. Member Selman provided a map with a timeline of projects from the Capital Improvement Plan.
42. Mayor Blonigan requested staff to have the City Attorney give DeOtis a legal justification of the special assessment.
43. Mayor Blonigan stated he was comfortable voting on the special assessments that evening as the city had a robust special assessment policy.
44. Member Selman spoke about the importance of consistency with special assessments and maintaining the city's infrastructure.
45. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Webb to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution #8009 "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR CITY PROJECT NOS. 38222 AND 45022 – SECTIONS OF HUBBARD AVENUE, GRIMES AVENUE, FRANCE AVENUE, 36TH AVENUE, AND 38TH AVENUE."** A roll call was taken. Ayes: Backen, Webb, Selman, Mayor Blonigan. Nays: None. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING F: PROPOSED WATER, SANITARY SEWER, STORM SEWER, SOLID WASTE, AND STREET LIGHT RATE INCREASES

46. Tahoun presented the report to Council.
47. Mayor Blonigan spoke about organics recycling and encouraged residents to sign up.
48. Member Webb and Sandvik discussed reasons for increases and what the utility rates fund.
49. Member Selman asked about yard waste and if there would be more refunds if there was a continued lack of service. Sandvik stated that would be a Council decision.
50. Mayor Blonigan opened the public hearing.
51. Scott Nieman – 4548 Zenith Avenue North: Resident stated he has property in North Minneapolis and that the trash has been more reliable than in Robbinsdale. Resident asked why they were still being charged even though there was a lack of service. Resident was also concerned the city still delivers trash to a landfill as it would be better for the environment to deliver it to a burn center.

52. Randy Voelker – 4040 Grimes Avenue North: Resident stated his bill would increase more than what is listed as the average increase in the report. Resident also asked why bills were increasing even with Waste Management’s poor service.
53. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Mayor Blonigan to close the public hearing. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**
54. Tahoun addressed how the average cost increases from the report were calculated.
55. Mayor Blonigan spoke about costs associated with terminating the Waste Management contract and going back out to bid.
56. Member Webb asked staff to increase communications about meetings regarding budget items and rate increases.
57. **Mayor Blonigan MOVED, seconded by Member Selman to waive the reading and order the adoption of Resolution #8010 “A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CITY WATER, SANITARY SEWER, STORM SEWER, SOLID WASTE, AND STREET LIGHT RATES IN THE CITY OF ROBBINSDALE EFFECTIVE FOR ALL USAGE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023.” The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

PUBLIC HEARING G: 2023 BUDGET AND TAX LEVY

58. Sandvik and Tahoun presented the report to Council.
59. Member Webb asked staff to explain why property taxes fund such a large part of the city budget and what is specifically funded through the budget. Sandvik spoke about why property taxes fund more city functions in Robbinsdale compared to other cities. Sandvik also broke down what the budget pays for in the city.
60. Member Selman spoke about the proposed increases to the police budget.
61. Mayor Blonigan opened the public hearing. No one spoke.
62. **Member Selman MOVED, seconded by Member Backen to close the public hearing. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**
63. Member Backen spoke about the TNT notice sent out by the county. Member Backen also encouraged residents to attend public meetings about the budget to learn the process.
64. Mayor Blonigan stated he would like to see how this levy compared to other levies in neighboring cities. Mayor Blonigan also requested staff look at purchasing electric vehicles for the city and to pressure legislature for more local aid.

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

65. Pearson presented the report to Council.

66. Member Selman **MOVED**, seconded by Member Backen to uphold the Downtown Architectural Design Guidelines requirements for signs and deny the request to re-use the Top Rank Barbers sign formerly affixed to Robin Center at 4089 West Broadway. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS A: VOUCHER REQUESTS PENDING APPROVAL FOR DISBURSEMENT

67. Member Backen **MOVED**, seconded by Member Selman to approve disbursement requests for period ending 12/6/2022. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

68. Sandvik stated the Joint Community Police Partnership was accepting applications for community liaisons.

69. Sandvik gave an update on the timeline for the Blue Line project.

COUNCIL GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

70. Member Backen gave an update on the new water tower.

71. Member Backen stated City Hall was still accepting food donations for NEAR at City Hall.

72. Member Webb stated the Police Department was coordinating a public forum about the recent issues at Robbinsdale schools and was looking forward to it.

73. Mayor Blonigan congratulated Adam Bell on becoming the new City Manager of Crystal.

74. Mayor Blonigan spoke about the progress of the new water tower.

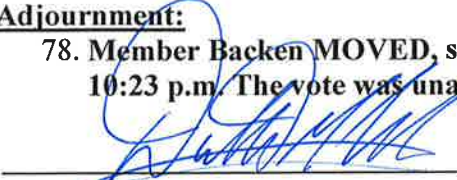
75. Mayor Blonigan spoke about the tree lighting ceremony and thanked Hy-Vee for sponsoring.

76. Member Selman spoke about the Robbinsdale Crime Prevention Association openings and encouraged residents to get involved.

77. Member Selman stated he would have a resolution prepared at the next Council meeting to get stances from all members regarding the light rail project.

Adjournment:

78. Member Backen MOVED, seconded by Member Selman to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 p.m. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.



Dustin Leslie, City Clerk



William A. Blonigan, Mayor