

ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL WORK SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021
Web-Ex Meeting

1. The work session was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Kline at 7:20 p.m.
2. Councilmembers Present (via webex): Kline, Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan
3. Staff Present: Marcia Glick, City Manager;
4. Others Present: Craig Waldron, Facilitator for Upcoming Council-Staff Goals Meeting

Preparation for January 23 Goal Session

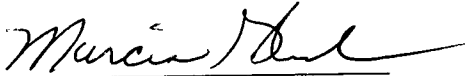
5. Mr. Waldron reviewed a number of trends observed in cities across the country:
 - How to be cost effective – keeping staff while watching the budget
 - Finding that it's harder to hire and keep top level staff
 - Social media – how much is enough; transparency
 - Redevelopment – more government involvement
 - Aging infrastructure
 - Housing stock preservation and affordability
 - COVID impacts – more working from home
 - Social equity – past practices and impacts
6. Blonigan noted that environmental responsibility should be included in the list.
7. Waldron noted the framework of previous council work had identified 4 main strategic directions:
 - Innovating for quality services and efficiencies
 - Promoting and Connecting
 - Investing for the Future
 - Revitalizing the Community

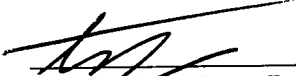
He asked that in preparation for the work session, each person think about writing an article – what would you mention as the greatest attractions and challenges in the city – what keeps you up at night?

8. There was a brief discussion of the police involved shooting on January 8th; the speed of information sharing; how do we have a discussion with community and respect loss and grief; how do we support the children in the area?
9. Looking ahead to the January 23rd meeting, all were encouraged to look at the previous list of strategic direction, goals, and projects – what's missing? Selman noted the probability of a new LRT alignment should be included in specific topics.

ADJOURNMENT

10. Mayor Pro Tem Kline adjourned the work session at 8:06 p.m.


Marcia Glick, Recorder


Tyler Kline, Mayor Pro Tem