ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020
SIXTH CORNER MEETING ROOM
5:15 P.M. CITY HALL

1. The work session was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Backen at 5:26 p.m.

2. Councilmembers Present: Blonigan, Rogan, Selman, Backen, Mayor Murphy.

   Staff Present: Marcia Glick, City Manager; John Tingley, Assistant to City Manager; Richard McCoy, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Rick Pearson, Community Development Coordinator; Pam Schmitz, Recreation Programs Manager.

DISCUSSION WITH CONGRESSWOMAN OMAR:

3. Mayor Pro Tem Backen opened the Work Session and thanked Congresswoman Omar for coming.

4. Congresswoman Omar, Glick and council discussed numerous issues and priorities in Robbinsdale including Light Rail, previous environmental clean-up assistant for redevelopment projects, federal funding assistance which might be available for providing softened water at the proposed water treatment plant which will result in a reduction of choride, and high water levels on Crystal Lake.

5. The importance of Light Rail to Robbinsdale was extensively discussed along with the relationship and position of BNSF railroad.

6. Congresswoman Omar expressed her support for the projects in particular the Blue Line Light Rail and encouraged staff to apply for future federal grant opportunities.

7. Member Blonigan and Glick also discussed cable franchise fees, the importance of the local community cable channel to Robbinsdale, recent changes to franchise fees at the federal level and importance of local control in reviewing cell antennas in city right-of-way.

ADJOURNMENT

8. Mayor Pro Tem Backen adjourned the work session at 6:10 p.m.

John Tingley, Recorder

Pat Backen, Mayor Pro Tem