



City of Robbinsdale

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL WORK SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Parisian, Mayor Blonigan, Mayor Pro Tem Wagner
Absent: Murphy
Staff: Tim Sandvik, City Manager; Chase Peterson-Etem, City Clerk

DISCUSSION

A. Point of Sale Inspection Program

Pearson introduced the item and stated the program has been active since around 2009. He noted stats about how many inspections that have been done and stated the Building Official does have to inspect the items that are required to be fixed. He further explained that this program was to catch problems that were being passed down from sellers to buyers and for foreclosed houses. Pearson stated he and the Building Official discussed this program and recommend removing the point of sale inspection program.

Mayor Blonigan asked if there are other ways the problems are caught, potentially through taking out a mortgage. He also asked if this program negatively effects certain groups of people. Pearson noted he didn't have statistics about mortgages requiring this and noted that past Councils were also concerned about potential negative outcomes for certain demographics based on the fees required.

Sandvik stated there are more resources available for homeowners these days and much of this is taken care of in the home buying process. He also discussed how this program has a higher impact on a lower valued home.

Parisian asked if the city will provide resources for people who may not know what they are looking for during a point-of-sale inspection. Pearson stated yes, and noted there are many resources available to potential home buyers.

Mayor Pro Tem Wagner asked if an inspection checklist could be included in the "Welcome to the City" packet. Pearson stated it could be offered, but most people would want to have an inspection checklist before the house is purchased, and the City Packet is usually provided once the new owner sets up services.

Mayor Blonigan asked how much it would cost to create the moratorium. Sandvik stated a few thousand dollars.

Sandvik provided an overview of the timeline and logistics moving forward.

Council was supportive of staff's recommendation.

STAFF UPDATES

A. None.

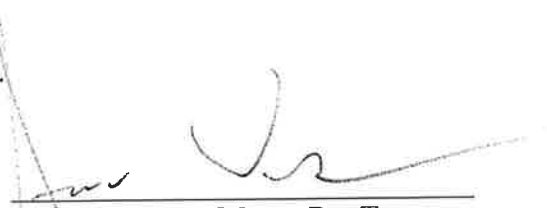
COUNCIL UPDATES

A. None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Wagner adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.


Chase Peterson-Étem, City Clerk


Aaron Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem