

**ROBBINSDALE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL WORK SESSION**

July 31, 2023

5:00 p.m.

**Robbinsdale City Hall
4100 Lakeview Avenue North**

MINUTES

1. The work session was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Wagner at 5:00 p.m.
2. Council Members present: Webb, Parisian, Blonigan, Mayor Pro Tem Wagner
3. Council Members absent: Murphy
4. Staff present: Tim Sandvik, City Manager; Kayla Kirtz, Assistant to City Manager – Communications; Chase Peterson-Etem, City Clerk/Assistant to City Manager; Ryan Parks, Recreation Services Manager; Diaa Tahoun, Finance Director; Richard McCoy, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Rick Pearson, Community Development Director; Patrick Foley, Police Chief; John Elder, Police Captain

Discussion: 2024 Budget

5. Sandvik introduced the attachment.
6. Pearson explained requested budget items from the Community Development Department.
7. Member Blonigan and Pearson discussed wages and benefits.
8. Parks explained requested budget items from the Recreation Department.
9. Member Parisian asked if the requested position would work within the Public Works Department, Parks responded that the position would work entirely within the Recreation Department.
10. Foley explained requested budget items from the Public Safety Department.
11. Elder explained additional requested budget items from the Public Safety Department.
12. Member Webb, Foley, and Elder discussed the total dollar amount requested from the department.
13. Mayor Pro Tem Wagner and Foley discussed time dedicated to the proposed Police Department wellness program.

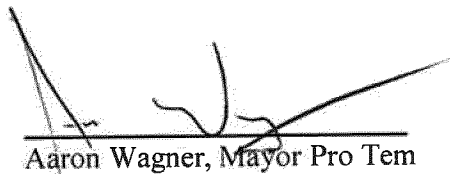
14. Member Blonigan and staff discussed projected budget amounts for the Public Safety Department.
15. Council and Foley discussed incentives for the proposed wellness program.
16. McCoy explained requested budget items from the Public Works and Engineering Departments, and the Capital Improvement Plan.
17. Sandvik explained requested budget items from the Administration Department.
18. Sandvik discussed special considerations for the Council.
19. Mayor Pro Tem Wagner and Pearson discussed anti-displacement efforts.
20. Mayor Pro Tem Wagner and McCoy discussed plans for addressing potholes.
21. Member Blonigan requested a comparison of the number of full-time equivalent employees from 2023 versus requested 2024.
22. Member Parisian stated interest in pursuing additional sustainability staffing. Member Webb expressed agreement.
23. Member Webb expressed appreciation for staff.
24. Council and staff clarified support for a full-time sustainability staff person.
25. Staff and Council discussed next steps.
26. Member Parisian expressed support for increasing staff resources to secure external funding and Member Webb agreed.
27. Elder discussed the idea of a citizen task force to assist with a facilities study.
28. Staff and Council scheduled a Special Work Session to continue 2024 budget discussions at 5:00 p.m. on September 5th.

ADJOURNMENT

29. Mayor Pro Tem Wagner adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.



Kayla Kirtz, Recorder



Aaron Wagner, Mayor Pro Tem