



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL WORK SESSION
September 20, 2022 – After the Regular City Council Meeting
Robbinsdale City Hall
4100 Lakeview Avenue North

AGENDA

1. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR PRO TEM
2. ROLL CALL: Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan
3. Discussion: Truth-in-Taxation Insert (Attachment 1)
4. Update: Curfew Siren (Attachment 2)
5. ADJOURNMENT



City of Robbinsdale

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Tim Sandvik, City Manager

DATE: September 20, 2022

RE: Truth-in-Taxation Insert

Background:

The Council is being asked to review the Truth-in-Taxation insert created by city staff and give feedback on its contents. The insert can be seen as Attachment A. Once feedback is gathered, staff will make edits which will be included with tax notices to residents.

2023 PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX

Even though you receive only one property tax bill, you pay property taxes to several taxing authorities. Here is how the average Robbinsdale property tax bill breaks down.

- Hennepin County – 26%
- City of Robbinsdale – 34%
- Robbinsdale School District – 34%
- Other – 6%

Why is Robbinsdale portion of my property tax bill changing?

The property taxes you pay are determined by applying a tax rate to the value of your property. The Robbinsdale portion of your property tax bill may go up or down from 2022 to 2023. Your individual experience is based on a number of factors including a change in your property 's value and changes in the values of other properties in Robbinsdale.

The proposed levy and budget were discussed at Council Work Sessions on August 10th, and 23th as well as the regular City Council meeting on September 6 and September 13. The proposed levy maintains current service levels, preserving City assets, and includes an allowance for cost of living and other compensation adjustments.

How are the City Services funded?

About 61% of the basic services provided to city residents and businesses are provided by property taxes. Another 20% is aid provided from the state of Minnesota Local Government Aid. The final 19% is from fees and other income.

The City of Robbinsdale's proposed budget can be viewed at City Hall during business hours or at www.robbinsdalemn.com/finance.

Highlights of the proposed 2023 budget:

- City Council has proposed an 12.8% increase for the general fund property tax levy
- Budget maintains core services at current levels.
- Debt Service levy increase for road construction and equipment
- Slight Robbinsdale Economic Development Authority increase to continue EDA activities

The estimated City property tax for a Robbinsdale home with an estimated median value of \$286,000 is about \$1,339. See where the \$1,339 goes in the table below.

What will my 2023 City property taxes pay for?

\$135.67	Gen Gov't
\$55.37	Community Development
\$65.54	Recreation
\$746.42	Public Safety
\$335.99	Public Works

Opportunities for Public Comment: The opportunity for the public to comment on the City's budget proposal and the levy will be December 6, 2022 at 7 pm at Robbinsdale City Hall. After considering the input, the City Council will vote to adopt the 2023 budget and property tax levy December 21, 2022.

Prepared by the City of Robbinsdale: Please contact the City regarding this notice, Diaa Tahoun, Finance Director: (763)531-1215 or dtahoun11@ci.robbinsdale.mn.us. **For information on what services your Robbinsdale portion of property taxes fund, scan the QR code on the back.**

SCAN ME





TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Tim Sandvik, City Manager

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RE: Curfew Siren

Background:

In early August, staff notified Council that work would need to be done in the vicinity of current, curfew siren controls. As a result, the siren would be shut off due to power and IT updates.

The curfew siren has been turned off since Monday August 22nd. There was a small amount of Facebook chatter around Labor Day weekend, but City staff has received very little, direct feedback.

If brought back online, the location of the controls and wiring for the curfew siren are required to be relocated from its current position as the building that houses these elements is scheduled for demolition. To have the curfew siren functional after the move the City will need a new VFD and controller for the siren. The electrician estimates it will be \$6000 for the VFD, controller, miscellaneous parts and labor to move it to the cabinet under the water tower.

The relocation will have to be timed carefully with the demolition to ensure continuity but is likely to involve some additional unforeseen complexities as the precise route of the existing underground wiring is not 100% known.

Staff is looking for direction from Council on how they would like to proceed.

Tim Sandvik, City Manager